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SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

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MR. HOOVER:

Walter Jenkins called me from the White House at p. m., Monday night, 2-17-64. He asked if I would come right over.

Upon seeing Jenkins, he was joined by Billy Moyers, other close aide to the President. Jenkins and Moyers told me at Assistant Attorney General Burke Marshall had called Moyers at proximately 6:15 p. m. that evening and indicated that the Attorney neral had thought it highly advisable for the President to see the Department Justice file on Martin Luther King. Marshall stated he wanted to send it right ove special messenger. Moyers asked Marshall what the hurry was. Marshall repli that he and the Attorney General wanted to make certain that the President knew all about King.

Fifteen minutes after Marshall's call, he called Moyers again. At thi time, he told Moyers that he wanted to give the White House a little warning. He stat that he personally knew that the FBI had leaked information concerning Martin Luther King to a newspaper reporter. Marshall told Moyers that he thought the White House should know this inasmuch as information concerning King would undoubtedly be comi out before the public in the near future. At that time the messenger walked in Moyer office with the Department of Justice file, which proved to be quite bulky.

When I talked to Jenkins and Moyers, they showed me the Department file on King. It was completely stripped of all administrative memoranda with the exception of one receipt from Marshall which indicated he had given Senator Mike Monroney (D-Okla.) a report on Martin Luther King. The file contained only FBI reports which we had previously forwarded to the Department of Justice. There were no inter-office memoranda in the file. These obviously had been very carefully removed.

Jenkins stated that obviously there was a "gimmick" in this matter. He strongly believed that Marshall would not have sent the file over on such an expedite basis, neither would this matter have come up so suddenly unless the Attorn General and Marshall had some specific ax to grind. Jenkins personally believed tha the Attorney General had suddenly conceived the idea that he had to be on record with the President concerning King's communistic background. Jenkins, of course, is we

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Informal memo to Mr. Hoover

aware of the fact that the Attorney General has shielded King for a long time and th the Attorney General was particularly vulnerable because of defenses he had made a committee of the Senate in behalf of King. Jenkins believes that the Attorney Gen who desperately wants to become Vice President, is now going on record with the President with the fact that although he has, for political purposes, defended King, wants the President to realize that he, the Attorney General, is well aware of King' communistic background.

Moyers stated that he thought Jenkins' opinion was good; however, he believed that the Attorney General plans to leak the story to Charles Bartlett, a loca columnist and friend of the Kennedy's, that the President has been alerted to King's background yet still insists on playing "footsie" with King.

Both Jenkins and Moyers felt that it was highly advisable for the President to send the file back early this morning, 2-18-64, with a noncommittal not

Jenkins stated he did not even plan to show the file to the President inasmuch as the President and his closest aides are well aware of King's backgrounc from reviewing memoranda we have sent over.

Although there is no action for us to take in this matter, I thought you should have all the facts concerning this further attempt of the Department to place blame upon the FBI. We, of course, have not leaked any information concerning Kin however, it seems quite apparent that Guthman, Marshall and the Attorney General have been talking to the "Saturday Evening Post" in an effort to "whitewash" King. Jenkins is well aware of this fact also. There is attached for your information a cop of the cover memorandum from Burke Marshall to Billy Moyers transmitting the Departmental file on King. Although this memorandum is dated 2-13-64, the file was not delivered until after 6 p.m. on 2-17-64 after Marshall obviously was goaded into doing this by the Attorney General or someone else.

RESPECTFULLY,

C. D. DeLoach

Katzenbach [redacted] did his dirt against the Warren Commission & now Marshall is trying to poison the W. H. about us.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-116)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-151548)

SUBJECT: CPUSA-NEGRO QUESTION
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN
RACIAL MATTERS
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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP (S) OF Classification DATE 1-27-64

SECRET MATERIAL ATTACHED

CLASSIFIED AND EXTENDED BY SP4 JJR/mlk
REASON FOR EXTENSION FCIM, II, 1-2.4.2
DATE OF REVIEW FOR DECLASSIFICATION 1-17-64
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are six copies of a letterhead memorandum dated 1/17/64, and one copy for Atlanta.

Agents who observed CLARENCE JONES on 1/15/64, were [redacted] and [redacted] b7(C)

The source used in the letterhead memorandum is [redacted] b(2) b7(D)

Sources used in the characterizations are as follows:

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(4) - Bureau (100-3-116) (Encls. 6) (RM)
(1) - 100-106670) (MARTIN LUTHER KING)
1 - Atlanta (100-5586) (MARTIN LUTHER KING) (Encl. 1) (Info) (RM)
1 - New York (100-73250) (CLARENCE JONES) (414)
1 - New York (100-136585) (MARTIN LUTHER KING) (414)
1 - New York (100-111180) (STANLEY LEVISON) (414)
1 - New York (100-149194) (COMINFIL SCLC) (41) 100-106670 —
1 - New York (100-150405) (AL DUCKETT) (422)
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Special Agent in Charge

[redacted] b(2) b7(D)

This letterhead memorandum has been classified "Secret" because it contains information from [redacted] This source has furnished highly sensitive information with respect to the racial situation in the New York area and the Communist infiltration thereof, and it is felt that this classification is necessary in order not to jeopardize the valuable position of the informant in furnishing information of this nature.

The source was unable at this time to furnish any additional information concerning "Freedom is on Our Payroll Drive", the veterans planning the parade, and the clubs all of which were mentioned in the letterhead memorandum.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

New York, New York
January 17, 1964

Bureau 100-3-116

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Re: Communist Party, United States of America - Negro Question
Communist Influence In Racial Matters
Internal Security - C

On January 15, 1964, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Billy Rowe contacted Clarence Jones on that date. Jones told him that Martin Luther King was favorably impressed with Rowe's idea, but he stated that King was wondering if Rowe could do the things which he claimed he could. Rowe stated that he has spoken to a great many people who are willing to put "Freedom on their payroll", and he mentioned that "they could get $1,000,000 a year". Jones suggested he send a letter to King outlining his plans so that people like Al Duckett cannot take credit for them. Rowe indicated that he would do this. Rowe said he spoke to "[illegible] club presidents" and that they are happy to help, and he said that these clubs want to have a dinner for King in honor of his "Man of the Year Award". Jones said that he was certain he could get King to attend. Rowe stated he plans to start on the "Freedom is on Our Payroll Drive" as soon as Jones gets the approval from King. Rowe also mentioned that "the veterans" plan to have a big parade up Fifth Avenue in May, either the 23rd or the 28th, and he said they want King to be Grand Marshal.

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Re: Communist Party, United States
of America - Negro Question
Communist Influence In Racial Matters
Internal Security - C

On January 9, 1964, the same source furnished information which indicated that Jones and Stanley Levison planned to meet at Levison's office at 6 East 39th Street, New York City, on January 15, 1964, at 1:00 PM.

Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on January 15, 1964, observed Clarence Jones entering 6 East 39th Street, New York City, at 2:16 PM.

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Billy Rowe is a public relations man in New York City, and has been given the task of fund raising for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).

[redacted] b(1)

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the UNAVA:

"1. Cited as subversive and among the affiliates and committees of the Communist Party, USA, which seeks 'to alter the form of government of the United States by unconstitutional means'. (Attorney General Tom Clark, letter Loyalty Review Board, released December 4, 1947.)

Re: Communist Party, United States
of America - Negro Question
Communist Influence In Racial Matters
Internal Security - C

"2. Cited as a Communist front 'formed to provoke racial friction'. (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 92.)"

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Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party, United States of America.

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Re: Communist Party, United States
of America - Negro Question
Communist Influence in Racial Matters
Internal Security - C

Clarence Jones is the General Counsel for the Gandhi Society For Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York City.

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The LYL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C, D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1135

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C, D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
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SAC, Newark (100-47520)

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Director, FBI (100-3-116)

PERSONAL ATTENTION

1 - Mr. Forsyth
1 - Mr. Ryan
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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
NEGRO QUESTION
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN
RACIAL MATTERS
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Reurlet 3-13-64, copies to Atlanta and New York, which advised that a Baptist "Jubilee" Convention is to be held at Convention Hall, Atlantic City, New Jersey, 5/17-24/64. Your information, [redacted] b7D reveals that Martin Luther King, Jr., and some of his associates in the Negro movement are to be at this Convention. Specifically, Reverend Wyatt Walker (King's Executive Assistant), accompanied by King, will be staying at the Marlborough-Blenheim Hotel, Atlantic City, as guests of the Convention.

So that the Bureau may make an assessment as to the type and extent of coverage desired for King while in Atlantic City, it would be well to know for how long a period of time he intends to stay there. Newark is, therefore, instructed to obtain, if at all possible, more specific data as to arrival and departure times for King. Such inquiries as may be conducted must be only through established reliable sources and it is imperative that under no circumstances should King become aware of Bureau interest. Likewise, no contact must be made which could possibly result in embarrassment to the Bureau. SECURITY IS PARAMOUNT IN THIS INQUIRY.

Atlanta and New York should remain alert to additional information relative to King's contemplated visit to Atlantic City.

The handling of this matter should be on a need-to-know basis in receiving offices.

2 - Atlanta (100-6520) (Personal Attention)
2 - New York (100-151548) (Personal Attention)

(1) - 100-106670 (Martin Luther King, Jr.)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3/12/64

FROM : SAC, NEWARK (100-47520) (RUC)

SUBJECT: CP, USA
NEGRO QUESTION
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN
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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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Re Atlanta letter to the Bureau dated 1/30/64.

b7(c) [redacted] an established source, advised SA [redacted] on 3/6/64, that the American Baptists, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, and the Southern Baptists, Nashville, Tennessee, are holding a Baptist "Jubilee" Convention at Convention Hall, Atlantic City, on May 17-24, 1964. She stated that she has no convention listing for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. She then said that a check of the Housing Bureau records of her bureau reveal that reservations have been made at the Marlborough-Blenheim Hotel, South Park Place, and Boardwalk, Atlantic City, New Jersey, Telephone 345-1211, for Reverend and Mrs. RALPH D. ABERNATHY, 76 Cerro Street, S. W., Atlanta, Georgia, from May 18-23, 1964.

2 - Bureau
(1 - 100-3-116) (CP, USA, NEGRO QUESTION) (RM)
(1 - 100-106670) (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.) (RM)
3 - Atlanta (RM)
(1 - 100-6520A) (CP, USA, NEGRO QUESTION)
(1 - 100-5586) (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)
(1 - 157-257) (RALPH ABERNATHY)
3 - New York (RM)
(1 - 100-151548) (CP, USA, NEGRO QUESTION)
(1 - 100-136585) (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)
(1 - 157-) (DEAN WRIGHT)
1 - Newark
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She added that a Dr. DEAN R. WRIGHT, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, New York, has reservations at the Claridge Hotel, South Park Place and the Beach, Atlantic City, New Jersey, Telephone 345-1271, for May 17-22, 1964, which reservations were made by a Mrs. SARA HOPKINS.

[redacted] also advised that Mrs. HOPKINS requested that reservations be made for a Dr. HOWARD R. MOODY, 55 Washington Square, South, New York, New York, and that MOODY will also be staying at the Claridge Hotel. No request for hotel reservations has been received for MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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[redacted] advised on 3/10/64 that Reverend WYATT WALKER, 334 Auburn Avenue, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia, accompanied by a Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr., no address, will be staying at the Marlborough-Blenheim Hotel, Atlantic City, as guest of the American Baptist Convention in connection with attendance at the Baptist "Jubilee" on 5/17-24/64.

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3/12/64

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-448)

SUBJECT: DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
RACIAL MATTERS

Re: Telephone call Atlanta to New Haven, 3/9/64, advising that captioned subject was scheduled to arrive at Bradley Field, Windsor Locks, Connecticut, on 3/11/64.

The "Hartford Courant", a daily newspaper published at Hartford, Connecticut, reflected on March 11, 1964, that KING would attend a dinner at the Statler-Hilton Hotel, Hartford, Connecticut, on the evening of that date, marking the start of a housing project at Hartford, Connecticut. KING was also expected to speak in behalf of "freedom schools" to be conducted in Mississippi in the summer of 1964, and also to direct a broadcast to several area colleges concerning the above program.

Established sources at Hartford, Connecticut, advised on March 11, 1964, that KING was scheduled to be driven to Bridgeport, Connecticut, after the above dinner to address a group in that city after which he would depart for New York City.

The New York Division was telephonically advised on March 11, 1964, of the plans of KING to appear at Bridgeport on the night of March 11, 1964, and thereafter proceed to New York City.

The "Hartford Courant" on March 12, 1964, carried a first page article concerning KING's trip to Hartford and his remarks to a group of over five hundred persons at the Statler-Hilton Hotel dinner when he spoke on the civil rights bill presently pending in Congress and the need for the end of segregation. The article indicated that he was driven by State car to Bridgeport after the dinner.

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On the evening of March 11, 1964, Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING spoke at a freedom rally at the Klein Memorial in Bridgeport, Connecticut. The rally was sponsored by a committee of local citizens for the benefit of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference of which Dr. KING is president. There was no admission to this rally. The public was invited, however, a collection was taken up for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

After this freedom rally, Dr. KING was greeted by an audience of over eight hundred persons at St. John's Episcopal Church, corner of Park and Fairfield Avenue in Bridgeport, where he also make a brief talk. The talks by Dr. KING were in connection with the various phases of the current civil rights bill which is now before the U.S. Senate.

He left Bridgeport in the vicinity of midnight and was going to Kennedy Airport in New York City. Information was received that on March 12, 1964, Dr. KING was going to Louisville, Kentucky to attend a meeting. The nature or purpose of this meeting was not known, however, it was indicated that it was a meeting and not a speaking engagement.

The above is being furnished for the information of the Bureau, Atlanta and New York.

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C, D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (157-New) (P)

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APPEARANCE OF REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr., DETROIT, MICH., 3/19-20/64
RACIAL MATTERS

Attention: Civil Rights Section
General Investigative Division

Enclosed are eight copies of a LHM pertaining to appearance of MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. at the Central Methodist Church, Detroit, Mich., on 3/19-20/64.

A copy of this LHM is being designated for G-2, Detroit, and for the information of the Atlanta Division.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Detroit, Michigan
March 9, 1964

CONFIDENTIAL

Re: Appearance of Reverend
Martin Luther King, Jr.,
Central Methodist Church,
Detroit, Michigan, 3/19-20/64

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 2, 1964, that Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. will speak at the Lenten services at the Central Methodist Church, Detroit, Michigan, at 12:00 p.m. on March 19-20, 1964.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

DATE: March 4, 1964

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Bland
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Ryan

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

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This memorandum recommends that an extremely discreet contact be made [redacted] Marquette University to prevent its awarding of an Honorary Degree to Martin Luther King, Jr. [redacted]

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We recently learned that Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is considering the awarding of an Honorary Degree to King. The University had proposed giving King a Degree on 6/7/64 but King was unable to make that date since he had another commitment on the same day. At the present time negotiations between Marquette and King are in a state of suspense relative to the selection of a date. Marquette, however, is favorably disposed toward giving King such a Degree.

Marquette is the largest Jesuit university in the country and the Director, on 6/11/50, at Milwaukee, was presented with an Honorary Degree on behalf of Marquette University [redacted] can be relied upon completely if we were to make any information available on a strictly confidential basis.

1 knock copy given to OPR 8/9/76. JTA/lmd

OBSERVATIONS:

It is shocking indeed that the possibility exists that King may receive an Honorary Degree from the same institution which honored the Director with such a Degree in 1950. We ought to take positive steps to head this off if at all possible within the framework of the security of our information and sources. By making pertinent information concerning King available [redacted] at this time, on a strictly confidential basis, we will be giving the University sufficient time to enable it to take positive action in a manner which might avoid embarrassment to the University.

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1 - 100-3-116 (CPUSA, Negro Question, Communist Influence in Racial Matters)

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Memorandum to Mr. Sullivan
RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
100-106670

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that SAC Baker be telephonically apprised of the information in the attached blind memorandum which succinctly sets forth the facts concerning not only King's communist connections [redacted] Baker should be instructed to personally, and in the strictest of confidence, [redacted] on the basis of the information in the blind memorandum. It will be emphasized to Baker that he should in turn emphasize to [redacted] that under no circumstances might this information be traced back to the Bureau.

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Handled with S.A.C. Baker - 3/6/64

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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ON 11-18-80
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NOTE: See memo Baumgardner to WC Sullivan 3/4/64 captioned "Martin Luther King, Jr., Security Matter - Communist," SFP:kmj. Classified "[illegible] Secret" because it contains information from our most sensitive sources in the communist field, as well as the specific facets relating to communist influence in racial matters. The revelation of the identities of these sources, who are of continuing value, might well do irreparabl damage to the defense interests of the Nation. (a)

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8-30PM EST 3-5-64 URGENT WFK

TO DIRECTOR AND ATLANTA

FROM LOUISVILLE

~~GP, USA~~, NEGRO QUESTION, COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS, ~~IS DASH C~~, MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., ~~SM DASH C~~, ~~IS DASH C~~

RE PHONE CALL FROM BUREAU MARCH THREE LAST, LOUISVILLE TEL TO BUREAU MARCH FOUR LAST.

KING ARRIVED FRANKFORT KY. APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN THIRTY AM TODAY BY CHARTERED PLANE FROM LOUISVILLE KY. LEFT FRANKFORT BY AUTO APPROXIMATELY FOUR PM TODAY. CHECKED IN STANDIFORD MOTEL, LOUISVILLE, KY. ABOUT FIVE THIRTY PM AS DID REVS. WYATT WALKER AND RALPH ABERNATHY. CHECKED OUT SEVEN PM THIS DATE USING EASTERN AIRLINES COURTESY CARD. IT IS NOTED EAL FLIGHT NO. FOUR ONE ONE LEAVES LOUISVILLE SEVEN TWENTY PM, ARRIVES ATLANTA, GA. EIGHT TWENTY PM.

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On February 15, 1964, victim, Governor of Kentucky, according to his Administrative Assistant, Fields McChesney, received a letter postmarked Owensboro, Kentucky, February 13, 1964, addressed "Ned Breathitt, Governor, State of Ky., Frankfort, Ky., USSA". The letter was on stationery of

b7(c) [redacted] Stapled to the top left-hand corner is a newspaper clipping titled "Threat to Supreme Court", which states that Governors and law enforcement officers in the nation's capitol are alarmed over reports that right-wing extremists have secret terrorist society which has marked Chief Justice Earl Warren for physical harm. Society members also boasted they intend to assassinate Dr. Martin Luther King, the Negro leader. The handprinted letter dated February 11, 1964, states as follows:

"Governor Carptebagger.

"Would you like to have your name added to the above list? That could happen you know if you persist in trying to foster on Ky. people the Communist nigger bill! We are quite aware of your bootlicking political ambitions and your grooming by Kennedy Clan.

"I have asked Robert Kennedy to acquire one of larger Bahaman Islands for those of us that are fed up with this god-damned neo-Communist government and would like to get out of damned country.

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"Even now Gen. de Galle is being advised to share atomic secrets with Red China & Union So. Afrida. I personally would rather see this country go up in a nuclear holicost than see it go down Communist drain.

"Even now it is hardly a fit place for a dog to live.

"No race has a right to force itself on another race against its will. Any Cumberland Mountain people with an ounce of sense will tell you that.

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[redacted] has admitted writing and mailing the letter. He contends however, that no threat to the Governor or anyone else was intended.

The Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice is of the opinion no prosecutable offense exists.

DIRECTOR, FBI (PERSONAL ATTENTION ASST. DIRECTOR W. C. SULLIVAN, DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.) 1/8/64

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Re Atlanta letter to Bureau, 12/31/63.

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The records of the Milwaukee Office do not contain any information regarding FINLAYSON.

4-Bureau (RM) - ATTN. ASST. DIRECTOR SULLIVAN
1-100-3-116 (CPUSA, NEGRO QUESTION)
1-100-438794 (SCLC)
1-100-106670 (MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.)
2-Atlanta (100-6520)
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Because the information, as received by New York, was not clear and there is no additional information available at present to help clarify the matter, the Bureau has revised page 2 of the LHM so as to delete the second paragraph. The Bureau is not presently disseminating the questionable item.

Receiving offices are instructed to be most alert to the receipt of any additional information which will lend clarity to this matter. At such time as clarifying information is received, it should be incorporated in a communication suitable for dissemination and, if necessary, the original information as obtained by the New York Office should also be used. Insure necessary paraphrasing to protect sources. This specific matter should receive meticulous attention to insure prompt advice to the Bureau of any further information received.

2 - Atlanta (100-6520)
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March 9, 1964

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BY LIAISON

Honorable Walter W. Jenkins
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Jenkins:

Recent observations by Special Agents of this Bureau and information from confidential informants who have furnished reliable information in the past reveal the continuing association between Martin Luther King, Jr., and Stanley David Levison.

On February 28, 1964, arrangements were made for King, Levison and Clarence Jones to meet in New York City the next morning to discuss the problem of a filibuster relative to civil rights legislation. They were to also discuss whether or not the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, which is headed by King, should go ahead with its plans to hire Bayard Rustin as its Northern Coordinator. At 8:58 a.m. on February 29, 1964, our Agents observed Levison enter the lobby of the Sheraton-Atlantic Hotel in New York City. He made inquiry as to the room number for Martin Luther King and was informed that King was in Number 1631. At 9:17 a.m. Levison entered an elevator which later stopped on the 16th floor. At 9:18 a.m. Jones entered the Hotel and took an elevator which also stopped on the 16th floor. Levison and Jones were observed to depart the Hotel at 11:25 a.m. and King departed at 11:41 a.m.

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SEE NOTE PAGE TWO

100-3-116
1-100-106670 (King)
1-100-392452 (Levison)
1-100-158790 (Rustin)

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This information is being furnished to other interested officials of the Government.

Sincerely yours,

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The Attorney General

March 9, 1964

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This information is being furnished to the Honorable Walter W. Jenkins, Special Assistant to the President.

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1 - Mr. J. Walter Yeagley
Assistant Attorney General

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1 - Mr. Floyd
1 - Liaison Section
1 - Mr. Forsyth

(SC) 100-106670
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Date: March 5, 1964

To: Mr. Paul J. McNichol
Director
Office of Security
U. S. Information Agency

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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BAYARD RUSTIN
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Reference is made to your telephonic request on March 2, 1964, for information concerning Martin Luther King, Jr., and Bayard Rustin.

Your attention is directed to a memorandum which was furnished to you on November 15, 1961, concerning Martin Luther King, Jr. There is enclosed herewith for your information a memorandum regarding King, which brings the previous memorandum up to date. There is also enclosed a memorandum regarding Bayard Rustin.

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NOTE:

See memorandum Bland to Sullivan 3/4/64, same caption, WTF:mea/fjh. This letter is classified "Secret" because one enclosure is so classified. Enclosure re King is classified "Secret" because information contained therein came from highly sensitive sources, the disclosure of which could result in serious damage to the Nation. The enclosure re Rustin is classified "Confidential" as it contains information from confidential informants of continuing value, the disclosure of whom could be injurious to the national defense.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

King is a well-known Southern Negro leader who is President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and is copastor with his father of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia.

The January 16, 1961, issue of the "National Guardian" carried an article entitled "Abolish the Un-Americans. This article indicated a petition had been directed to Congress urging that the House Committee on Un-American Activities be abolished. Among the signers of this petition was Martin Luther King, Jr.

On January 4, 1962, information was received from a source that has furnished reliable information in the past that Isadore Wofsy, a Communist Party (CP) functionary, had advised that Stanley Levison had written a speech that King delivered at the American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations convention in Florida during December, 1961. Stanley Levison, who is King's advisor and attorney, was identified by sources who have furnished reliable information in the past as a secret member of the CP

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On April 6, 1962, information was received from a source who has furnished reliable information in the past that Stanley Levison discussed plans for an organization to be

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

formed on the behalf of Martin Luther King, Jr. This organization was referred to as the Gandhi Society for Human Rights. The actual leader of this organization is Clarence Benjamin Jones. He is an attorney residing in New York City who has been identified as a member of the Labor Youth League in 1953 or 1954. [redacted]

During June, 1962, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that King, in a conversation with Stanley Levison, indicated he was desirous of getting another administrative assistant. Levison recommended Hunter Pitts O'Dell for the job. King stated he liked the suggestion and indicated that he did not care about a man's past connections as long as he was not connected with the CP at the time he was hired. On November 2, 1962, as a result of a newspaper article identifying O'Dell as a communist, King announced that O'Dell had resigned from the SCLC and his resignation had been accepted pending further inquiry and clarification. [redacted]

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NOTE:

See memo Bland to Sullivan 3/4/64, captioned "Martin Luther King, Jr., Security Matter - C; Bayard Rustin, Security Matter - C," WTF/mea:fjh.

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March 5, 1964
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BAYARD RUSTIN

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Rustin was born March 17, 1913, at West Chester, Pennsylvania. He reportedly studied at Wilberforce University, Cheyney State Teachers College, and College of the City of New York, but is not known to have received a degree.

According to an article in the August 30, 1963, Washington, D.C., "Evening Star," captioned "Rustin, Rights Actionist, Presses On," Bayard Rustin joined the Young Communist League (YCL) in 1936 while attending the College of the City of New York. The article continued that Rustin quit the YCL after four years and that he later "served 28 months in prison for being a conscientious objector."

The "New York Herald Tribune," for August 14, 1963, in an article entitled "Thurmond Assails a Leader of March," reports that in addition to Rustin's past communist activity, he was "convicted in 1953 for sex perversion." The article continued that Rustin admitted he joined the YCL in 1936 and that Rustin stated he quit such activity in 1941. He reportedly "declined to comment on the morals charge which was allegedly lodged against him in California and which involved two other men."

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Bayard Rustin

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The "Washington Post" of August 11, 1963, contained an article captioned "Organizer of D.C. March is Devoted to Nonviolence." This article described Bayard Rustin as the Deputy Director of the Committee planning the August 28, 1963, March on Washington, D. C. According to the article, Rustin indicated he had joined the YCL in 1936 and that he dropped out of the organization when the YCL accepted racial segregation in the Armed Force after Hitler attacked Russia.

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Another confidential informant who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that as of November 1, 1962, Rustin was the Assistant Secretary for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference under the leadership of the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. (Daniel Fernandez, MFgs. Trust Co., 275 W. 125th Street, N

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NOTE: See memorandum Bland to Sullivan 3/4/64 regarding "Martin Luther King, Jr., SM-C; Bayard Rustin, SM-C." This memorandum is classified "Confidential" inasmuch as i contains information from informants which, if revealed, could jeopardize their future effectiveness.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : Mr. J. F. Bland

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - C

BAYARD RUSTIN
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DATE: March 4, 1964

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On 3/2/64, Mr. Paul J. McNichol, Director of the Office of Security, U.S. Information Agency (USIA), telephonically requested a name check regarding Martin Luther King, Jr., and Bayard Rustin. Attached is a letter to Mr. McNichol enclosing a letterhead memorandum regarding Rustin and a letterhead memorandum regarding King which brings up to date the information previously furnished USIA concerning King in response to a name check request on 11/15/61.

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ACTION:

If you approve, the attached letter and the letterhead memoranda concerning King and Rustin will be furnished to Mr. Paul J. McNichol of USIA by liaison.

Mr. Paul J. McNichol
3-6-64 4pm - Liaison

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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
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Dear [redacted]

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Your letter dated February 24, 1964, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, information in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. With reference to your request to be advised if Martin Luther King, Jr., has been completely cleared of any association with communists, the FBI does not issue or deny clearances of any type. It follows, therefore, that this Bureau did not issue any such clearance as indicated in your letter. I regret I am not able to help but trust you will understand.

Sincerely yours,

E. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: Correspondent cannot be identified in Bufiles. Bufiles indicate we hav had cordial relations with the Third Order of St. Francis and the Director was awarded the St. Francis Peace Medal in 1960. Nothing in the file concerning this organization indicates that any inquiry was made concerning Martin Luther King.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation,
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Would you please let me know if he has been completely cleared of any association with the Communists. and if not could you giv... me more information on his activities.

Sincerely,

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b7(c) [redacted]
Ancona, Illinois.

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Aurora, Illinois.
Feb. 24, 1964.

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TO DIRECTOR, LOUISVILLE, MOBILE

FROM ATLANTA 031810

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CP, USA NEGRO QUESTION, COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS, IS - C. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SM-C.

INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST

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RE ATLANTA TEL MARCH 2 LAST.

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES ADVISED THAT KING, ABERNATHY, LEE AND WALKER ARE SCHEDULED TO DEPART ATLANTA 11:25 AM MARCH 4 NEXT TO ARRIVE IN MONTGOMERY AT 11:16 AM. SOURCES STATED THAT FRED SHUTTLESWORTH (MINISTER FROM CINCINNATI, OHIO, AND OFFICER IN SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND) WILL MEET THE PLANE IN MONTGOMERY.

SOURCES ALSO ADVISED THAT KING TURNED DOWN OFFER TO USE CHARTERED PLANE FROM MONTGOMERY TO LOUISVILLE AND INSTEAD KING, LEE AND ABERNATHY WILL PROCEED VIA EASTERN AIRLINES FLIGHT 122 ARRIVING AT LOUISVILLE AT 10:50 AM MARCH 5 NEXT FROM MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA.

THE PROGRAM AT FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY WILL BE DELAYED BECAUSE OF KINGS LATE ARRIVAL. THEY ARE SCHEDULED TO FLY IN A CHARTERED PLANE TO FRANKFORT FROM LOUISVILLE FOR THE CEREMONIES. IN VIEW OF THE NATURE OF THE ABOVE SOURCES NO ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN WHICH WOULD JEOPARDIZE THE IDENTITIES OF THE SOURCES.

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CC MR. SULLIVAN

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(U.S.D.C, D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-116)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-151548)

SUBJECT: CPUSA
NEGRO QUESTION
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS
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(OO: NEW YORK)

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 7 copies of a LHM dated 3/2/64, and one copy for Atlanta.

The sources used in this LHM are as follows:

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On 2/26/64, a physical surveillance was conducted by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] at "The Nation" b 7(C) at 333 6th Ave., but STANLEY LEVISON was not observed on this date.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
New York, New York

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On February 26, 1964, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Martin Luther King contacted Clarence Jones on that date. Jones stated that Joan Daves (who is the publisher's representative for King's new book) was concerned about some of the material contained in the article for "The Nation" because she felt the publisher of the book and "Life" (magazine) might feel that the material was not new enough if it appeared in "The Nation" first. King said that he had already sent the article to "The Nation" and that he had only made some minor changes. Jones said that Joan Daves thought the article was so good that it should be tied in with the book and also the article in "Life" because they would get "more money and exposure". Jones mentioned that neither he nor "his friend" (Stanley Levison) had any real thoughts about this, but he said Daves was quite persuasive and the more they thought about it the more they felt she had a point. Jones said he had a substitute article ready to submit in place of the first article. King stated that the last chapter of the book was going to be in "Life" and that he did not see any problems because "The Nation" article did not deal with the subject of the last chapter. Jones stated the problem is that Daves thought the article for "The Nation" is so good that it should be included in the last chapter of the book. King told Jones to call "The Nation" and tell them to hold up publication of the article. King also instructed Jones to let him have the article and that he would get it back to "The Nation" by the weekend.

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Jones told King that "we" have been "overhauling" and going over the records of the New York Office (of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference /SCLC/ office) in connection with mailing procedures and the (mailing) lists. Jones mentioned in connection with this that "our friend" (Stanley Levison) and Miss Adele Cantor (an employee of the SCLC) would like very much to go down to Atlanta on Friday and Saturday, and King replied that those dates would be alright with him. Jones said he would notify the people (Levison and Cantor) about Friday, and King told Jones to have them call him so he could have them picked up.

King stated in regard to the Rockefeller affair on Saturday, "we" are rebuilding three churches in Georgia and that he was wondering if the money collected could go to church rebuilding. Jones stated it would be all right. King mentioned that they had raised $76,000 and that they need over $90,000. Jones mentioned that the "Rockefeller people" are so tax conscious that they put tax considerations above all other considerations. Jones stated that they would rather give the money to the SCLC and not to King's church. Jones remarked that the money could be given directly to the building fund and there would be no question about a tax deduction. King indicated that the way it is arranged at the present time the check would be made out to the Urban League and that they would make the distribution. King mentioned that the name of the fund is the Mt. Olive Baptist Church Building Fund and that Nelson Rockefeller is familiar with ~~it because~~ he gave $10,000 to it. King said that he talked to Rodman Rockefeller (who is the son of Governor Rockefeller) and he stated that Rodman wanted to guarantee him $6,500 and the remainder was to go to the (Urban) League no matter how much money was collected. King said he told Rodman that he could not do it that way because the League did not have trouble collecting money and that they were tax exempt and that he could not use his time collecting money for organizations other than his own. King mentioned that "apparently you have a little dissension in the League", and Jones indicated that there was and stated that "they" (the Urban League) want all of the money. Jones stated that (Rodman) Rockefeller indicated to him that unless he (Jones) could furnish him a tax exempt organization to which a contribution could be made in order to contribute to King, then the contribution would only be taken. Jones said that Rockefeller should be happy contributing to the Mt. Olive Fund because there would be no question as to the tax exemption.

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Jones advised King that he and Joan Daves had discussed the possibility of discussing King's picture rights (regarding the book) with Harry Belafonte and 20th Centruy Fox. King said that would be fine.

On February 26, 1964, the same confidential source, furnished information which indicated that Clarence Jones contacted Stanley Levison on that date. Jones indicated to Levison that he had spoken to King. Levison mentioned in regard to the article for "The Nation", that he has not sent the substitute material to "The Nation" but would send the material today. Levison told Jones that he should call "The Nation" and tell them that the substitute material is being sent because the use of the original material might cause some problems with King's publishers over the copyrights of King's forthcoming book. Jones stated that Friday would be fine with King. Levison mentioned that he is not feeling well, and he stated the day he meets with King will depend on how he is feeling at the end of the week.

On February 26, 1964, the same confidential source furnished information which indicated that Clarence Jones contacted a representative of "The Nation" on that date. In regard to the feature article by Martin Luther King, Jones was told that the type is set and that the magazine is ready to go to press. Jones said that he will have to discuss this matter with King and with the publishers of King's forthcoming book. Jones also said that he realizes it is too late to kill the publication of the article and that it is all right for "The Nation" to print it.

On February 26, 1964, the same confidential source furnished information which indicated that Clarence Jones contacted Stanley Levison on that date. Jones said that he had been in touch with "The Nation" and that it is too late to kill King's article and submit a substitute article. Levison indicated he feels that "The Nation" realizes the value of an article which is going to be published in a book at a later date. Levison said he will take the substitute article to "The Nation".

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Communist Party, United States of America
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Records of Eastern Airline reflect that Stanley Levison and Adele Cantor had reservations on Eastern Flight 503 departing from Newark airport on February 28, 1964, at 12 noon for Atlanta.

On February 27, 1964, a second confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Clarence Jones contacted Martin Luther King on that date. During the course of their discussion King told Jones to have Levison and Cantor come down (to Atlanta) a week from Monday since the committeemen will not be available until then.

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Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party, United States of America.

It is to be noted that when King and Jones refer to their friend, they are referring to Stanley Levison.

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Clarence Jones is the General Counsel for the Gandhi Society For Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York City.

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With respect to the information concerning the Rockefeller affair, it is to be noted that King was scheduled to appear at a fund raising luncheon, which is being sponsored by the Westchester County Urban League. The luncheon was scheduled for February 29, 1964, at 12:30 PM at Governor Rockefeller's estate, Pocantico, Westchester County, New York.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (157-368)

SUBJECT: [redacted] b7(c)
RACIAL MATTER;
(OO: HOUSTON)

Enclosed for the Bureau are ten copies of a letterhead memorandum summarizing information concerning captioned individual.

Two copies of memorandum are being furnished to Secret Service, Houston.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Houston, Texas

February 29, 1964

RE: [redacted]

On February 25, 1964, [redacted] Freeport, Texas, advised he had been informed by a [redacted] that [redacted], Jr., Freeport, Texas, had allegedly contacted an ex-convict relative to killing Robert Kennedy, the Attorney General of the United States, and Martin Luther King.

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advised [redacted] the source of his information furnished to [redacted] was [redacted] and the source of [redacted] information was [redacted] Freeport, Texas.

[redacted] advised at an unrecalled date, but at the time of early integration troubles in Alabama, or Mississippi, he was asked by [redacted]

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RE: [redacted] b7(c)

[redacted] if he would be interested in going to Alabama, or Mississippi, and help settle the "Nigger" situation. He said [redacted] mentioned "they" had $10,000.00 on deposit for ten people. He said he was shocked by [redacted] question and replied, "I'll have to think about it."

[redacted] advised that was the extent of his conversation with [redacted] that no mention was made of any specific individuals and he has had no further discussion with [redacted] since that time concerning the above.

[redacted] advised [redacted] that he wrote Governor George Wallace, Alabama, during integration troubles in that state, at an unrecalled date, offering his services in any way possible to aid in keeping peace in the state. He said no specific type of aid was offered. He states he believes he told Governor Wallace ten or twelve people would come if he wanted assistance. b7(c) b7(c)

[redacted] stated his letter was answered by Governor Wallace, thanking him for his offer, but refusing same.

[redacted] advised he told several unrecalled people of his offer to Governor Wallace and of Governor Wallace's reply to him.

[redacted] advised he never mentioned any money to anyone he talked to and never mentioned the killing of Robert F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King, or anyone else.

The files [redacted] and [redacted] Texas, failed to reflect any arrest record for [redacted] or [redacted] has an excellent credit rating, [redacted] and [redacted] has a satisfactory rating.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI ~~(100-3-116)~~

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-151548)

SUBJECT: CPUSA
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (157-NEW)

SUBJECT: [redacted] b7(C)
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MARTIN LUTHER KING

Enclosed for the Bureau are ten (10) copies of a letterhead memorandum summarizing information furnished by [redacted] Freeport, Texas. b7(C)

A copy of this memorandum is being furnished to Secret Service locally.

Appropriate inquiry is being conducted in this matter.

For the information of the Bureau, Houston will bear in mind Bureau airtel to Atlanta dated 2/12/64 captioned NACIREMA RACIAL MATTERS and Bureau airtel to Atlanta dated 2/14/64 captioned "AMERICAN CAPSULE NEWS" RACIAL MATTERS; ASSASSINATION OF FEDERAL OFFICER.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-116)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-151548)

SUBJECT: CP, USA
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Enclosed are seven copies of a letterhead memorandum dated 2/19/64. One copy is also enclosed for Atlanta.

The source furnishing the information reported therein was [redacted] b(2) b7(D)

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With respect to "freedom" mentioned in this letterhead, the NYO does not have any further identifying information, but will remain alert to such.

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5 - Bureau (Encls. 7) (RM)
(1 - 100-438794) (COMINFIL SCLC)
(1 - 100-106670) (MARTIN LUTHER KING)
1 - Atlanta (100-5586) (MARTIN LUTHER KING) (Encl. 1) (INFO) (RM)
1 - New York (100-149194) (COMINFIL SCLC) (41)
1 - New York (100-111604) (HARRY BELAFONTE)
1 - New York (100-73250) (CLARENCE JONES) (414)
1 - New York (100-136585) (MARTIN LUTHER KING) (414)
1 - New York (100-111180) (STANLEY LEVISON) (414)
1 - New York (100-152510) (BILLY ROWE) (414)
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The letterhead has been classified "Secret" because it contains information from [redacted] This source has furnished highly sensitive information with respect to the racial situation in the NY area, and the Communist infiltration thereof. It is felt that the classification is necessary in order not to jeopardize the valuable position of the informant in furnishing information of this nature. (C)

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February 19, 1964

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Communist Party, United States of America
Negro Question
Communist Influence in Racial Matters
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On February 17, 1964, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Stanley Levison contacted Clarence Jones on that date. Jones said Ruth (Ruth Bailey, who is an employee of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, SCLC) was reluctant to relinquish the cards (mailing cards of SCLC). Levison suggested that Jones wire the Atlanta Office of the SCLC and request they mail a letter to Ruth instructing her to obey all orders of Jones, as he has complete authority over the New York Office. (S)

During their conversation Jones said he had learned from a friend at 20th Century Fox Motion Picture Company that one Al Bryan (phonetic) was going to try to get the movie rights about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Levison said Jones should get the rights, thereby ending this matter once and for all. Jones remarked that Belafonte (Harry Belafonte, the prominent actor) should have the rights to this. Levison concurred. (S)

Levison inquired of Jones if he had called Dr. King. Jones said he had and added that King's article should reach "The Nation" this week. (S)

Levison requested Jones to make an appointment for him and Adele Cantor (a new employee of the SCLC Office in New York) to see Dr. King in Atlanta, Georgia, on February 25 and 26, 1964. Jones assented, adding that he would call Dr. King on February 24, 1964. (S)

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The source advised that Billy Rowe (public relations man in New York, who has been assigned to raise funds for the SCLC) was also discussed during Levison's and Jones' conversation. Jones remarked that Rowe wanted him to arrange to have Dr. King meet with business leaders in and around Harlem for the purpose of putting "freedom" on their payrolls. This would be accomplished by making annual contributions, the source advised (S)

The source advised that later during the day, Levison contacted one McWilliams at "The Nation," informing him that he, Levison, would have Dr. Martin King's article by the end of the week. In reply to a question by Levison as to who circulates "The Nation," McWilliams said "Circulation Associates" handles the matter. Levison answered that he plans to start using "Circulation Associates" to deliver for the SCLC (S)

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Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA). (S)

Clarence Jones is the General Counsel for the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York City.

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The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

With respect to the information concerning "The Nation" receiving an article from Martin Luther King, it is to be noted that an article is being prepared (by King) concerning the boycott (of New York City public schools) and the Senate filibuster.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont DATE: 2-6-64

FROM : C. A. Evans

SUBJECT: DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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Reference is made to Mr. DeLoach's memorandum of 2-5-64 in which he reported a conversation he had had with Ed Guthman of the Department concerning letters to members of Congress dealing with Martin Luther King. In this connection the Director has inquired as to my activities with regard to clearance of such communications.

The only letter which I had anything to do with clearing was one from the Attorney General to Senator Richard B. Russell dated 11-1-63. The circumstances surrounding this are as follows: Shortly after noon on 11-1-63 Assistant Attorney General (AAG) Marshall furnished to me the Department's file of correspondence with Senator Russell concerning the association of King with Hunter Pitts O'Dell. A proposed letter to Senator Russell for the Attorney General's (AG) signature dated 11-1-63 was attached. Marshall said he and the AG had discussed the proposed letter with the President. Marshall asked us to consider the language in the proposed letter to Senator Russell to determine if it would jeopardize our informant or otherwise interfere with our investigation of communist matters.

Since time was of the essence I took the proposed letter to Mr. Belmont's office and discussed it with him. We concluded that there were definite objections to the letter as it was written as it specifically referred to sensitive sources available to the FBI. A memorandum was prepared recommending changes in the letter. (This memorandum is attached.)

After the Director's approval had been secured, Marshall was recontacted and the undesirable language discussed with him. He said he could see our point but since the letter had been discussed with the President he thought we should go up together to

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see the AG about it. We did this. After the AG read the letter as changed he said he was not certain it would accomplish its purpose. He called the President and told him what had happened. Marshall and the AG tried to redraft a letter which would be in line with our observations. Each draft after written was discussed with the President telephonically by the AG and none of the drafts were satisfactory to the President. He thereafter decided that an innocuous letter saying nothing of substance should be sent to Senator Russell which letter should be delivered by AAG Marshall and me. At the time the letter was delivered the Senator was to be furnished orally by Marshall with detailed information as to Martin Luther King's activities. I was merely to assure the Senator as to the sensitive position of our informar and the fact that information from this informant of a continuing nature was vital to the country's welfare. After the AG had left the city Deputy AG Katzenbach was substituted for Burke Marshall as Katzenbach knew the Senator. An appointment to see the Senator was made for 5:00 p.m., 11-1-63. At this meeting Katzenba furnished the Senator with information concerning King and his communist connections. It was unnecessary for me to say anything at this conference other than to confirm Katzenbach's statement about the sensitiveness of our source. The Senator indicated satisfaction with the explanation given to him by Katzenbach and said that he did not intend to make any speech on the floor of the Senate about this.

On my return to the Bureau that afternoon I prepared a memorandum on this contact which is attached.

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February 5, 1964

MR. MOHR:

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RE: DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING

The Atlanta Division has received information indicating that a reporter by the name of Cleghorn, who writes for the Atlanta Journal and also is a free-lancer for the Saturday Evening Post, is doing an article for the Saturday Evening Post on Dr. Martin Luther King. A memorandum, from Mr. Sullivan to Mr. Belmont dated February 4, 1964, reflected this fact inasmuch as the Atlanta Division had written in to tip off the Bureau that Cleghorn might be in contact with FBI Headquarters. Cleghorn apparently has information concerning King's association not only with Hunter Pitts O'Dell but additionally with Stanley Levinson.

Guthman came over to see me February 4, 1964, at 4 PM. He stated that he had been tipped off by Schanke (phonetic) of the Saturday Evening Post that Cleghorn was preparing an article on Dr. Martin Luther King and that the article would expose King's connections with the Communist Party. Guthman stated he was quite concerned inasmuch as it appeared there had been a leak from the FBI in connection with this matter. He told me that the Attorney General had been most hopeful that there would be no "leaks" concerning King. Guthman quickly added that he and the Attorney General, of course, knew that King was no good and that King b7(C) actually did have communistic connections [redacted] In a very apologetic tone of voice, Guthman added that the Attorney General's record concerning King was perfectly clean and that no exposure of King could have any reaction whatsoever against the Attorney General.

I told Guthman he had raised several points that should be straightened out. I mentioned that there had been no leaks from the FBI concerning Dr. Martin Luther King, however, Congressmen had made speeches concerning King's background and there had been a number of articles in newspapers. I mentioned that the Attorney General's connections with King were none of our business, however, I could understand why Guthman might be somewhat perturbed inasmuch as the Attorney General had made public statements before the Congress which indicated King had no communistic connections.

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Guthman stated that he wanted to repeat once again that an exposure of King would not hurt the Attorney General in any way. He stated his only interest, and the Attorney General's only interest, in keeping information concerning King out of the newspapers, was because both he and the Attorney General felt that FBI sources might be unduly exposed. I made no comment to this, however, certainly did not believe Guthman.

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1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Evans
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1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. M. A. Jones

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Informal Memo to Mr. Mohr
Re: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Guthman told me he had no proof whatsoever that the FBI had furnished information to the newspapers concerning King. He stated that obviously the Department had not leaked any information inasmuch as only four individuals in the Department, the Attorney General, Katzenbach, Assistant Attorney General Mille and Guthman, were the only ones who knew of King's connections with Stanley Levinson. I told Guthman that Burke Marshall undoubtedly knew of such connections inasmuch as I believe he had talked to King. Guthman admitted this was true.

From the tone of Guthman's entire remarks, it would appear he had two thoughts in mind without actually stating such thoughts. These thoughts were (1) that the Attorney General is most anxious that information concerning King not be released; and (2) that the Attorney General's connections with King, and his defensive statements concerning King to the Congress in Civil Rights hearings, could certainly injure the Attorney General's political chances for the future.

I made it a point to tell Guthman before he left that the Department was, of course, very close to the Saturday Evening Post, particularly in view of the deliberate leaks of information to the Saturday Evening Post on the Cassini and Valachi matters. I told Guth man that if the Saturday Evening Post had obtained information concerning King, it would appear that they might have received such information from the same sources where they had gotten their previous facts. Guthman reacted to this quite anxiously and stated all this may be true, however, under no circumstances would they give any publication the facts concerning King. In a very hurt tone of voice, he told me once again the Attorney General was not worrie about what an exposure of King could do to him. He stated he and the Attorney General are only trying to protect FBI sources of information. "There has never been such solicitude in the past"

Following my conversation with the Director at approximately 10 AM this morning, after the Director had talked with the Attorney General, I called Guthman and told him he apparently had misquoted my conversation with him of last night. I asked Guthman if he had told the Attorney General, in quoting me, that I had been "quite concerned about a letter the Attorney General had written in which he defended Martin Luther King." I told Guthman I had not mentioned any letter in my conversation with him. Guthman replied that the Attorney General had gotten all mixed up in his conversation with the Director. Guthman admitted I made no reference to any letter. He also admitted I had not indicated that I was "quite concerned" in referring to the Attorney General. Guthman explained the basis of the Attorney General's call to the Director by stating that he and Burke Marshall had gone over to see the Attorney Genera and while in his office had mentioned the information which apparently has been accumulated by the Atlanta, Georgia, reporter. In explaining to the Attorney General, Guthman stated he told the Attorney General he had discussed this matter with me last night and that from the tone of my remarks, Guth man understood that (1) any exposure of King might possibly jeopardize FBI sources; and (2) any exposure of King might react publicly against the Attorney General inasmuch as the Attorney General

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had defended King before the Congress. I told Guthman my remarks to him had not meant to imply any potential embarrassment whatsoever to the Attorney General and that I had brought the Attorney General's name into the conversation only because of the many newspaper articles which had been written quoting the Attorney General and his defense of King. Guthman stated that the Attorney General was very fond of me, and that he and the Attorney General, though they would not be around much longer, felt their relations with my office had been of the closest nature. He stated the Attorney General did not under any circumstances believe that my remarks had implied possible potential embarrassment but the Attorney General had called the Director merely to keep the record straight.

Guthman referred once again to the so-called "letter" the Attorney General had written concerning King. He admitted once again this matter did not come up in our conversation last night. H e stated there had been a letter, however, as a result of the Attorney General's appearance before the Magnuson Committee in the Senate. This occurred at the time of the Attorney General's appearance concernin Civil Rights legislation. Senator Monroney had questioned the Attorney General as to King's communistic connections, according to Guthman. The Attorney General promised to write Senator Monroney a letter. Guthman stated that such a letter had been prepared and had been couched in a very careful language. He mentioned that the letter had been cleared by Assistant Director Evans and had then been delivered to Senator Monroney. He stated that following delivery of this letter, either Katzenbac or Burke Marshall, along with Mr. Evans, had orally briefed Senators Russell and Monroney regarding King's communistic connections.

FACTS FROM BUFILES: I want to know more about Evans' activities in this matter

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No record was located in Bureau files to indicate that the Attorney General or anyone in the Department contacted us regarding what information should be supplied to the Senators and Congressman relative to King. Mr. Evans has declared that he most certainly did not clear any letter written to the Senators or the Congressman on this topic.

Informal Memo to Mr. Mohr 2/5/64
Re: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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On July 26, 1963, newspapers throughout the country reported that Senator Monroney had released the contents of a letter to him from Attorney General Kennedy stating there is "no evidence" that King or any of the other top leaders of the civil rights groups is a communist or communist controlled. The letter revealed the Attorney General based his statement "on all available information from the FBI and other sources." This letter was dated July 23, 1963. A similar letter apparently also was sent to Senator Magnuson.

On July 27, 1963, Senator Russell of Georgia wrote the Director inquiring about much the same matter. This letter also was referred to the Attorney General under date of July 31, 1963. On November 1, 1963, Assistant Attorney General Burke Marshall contacted Mr. Belmont's Office relative to the letter from Senator Russell and a subsequent letter from the Senator to the Attorney General vigorously complaining about not having received an answer to the earlier communication. A proposed reply to Senator Russell over the Attorney General's signature was provided and Mr. Belmont expressed objections to the wording, particularly since it would jeopardize a most sensitive source. Mr. Evans conferred with the Attorney General and Mr. Marshall later on 11-1-63 and it was determined that the draft of the letter to Russell had been approved by the President. The draft was rephrased three times and each draft was rejected by the President who finally instructed that an innocuous communication be sent to the Senator and delivered personally by Mr. Marshall and Mr. Evans with Mr. Marshall to orally brief the Senator. Subsequently on 11-1-63, Deputy Attorney General Katzenbach and Mr. Evans delivered the communication to Senator Russell and Mr. Katzenbach briefed him about King. Mr. Evans merely verified that a sensitive source was involved.

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RESPECTFULLY,

C. D. DE LOACH

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TO HOUSTON

FROM DIRECTOR 1 P

Re: Martin Luther King

C. R. DAVIS, JR., RACIAL MATTERS.

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REVIEW OF BUFILES FAILS TO LOCATE ANY PERTINENT IDENTIFIABLE REFERENCES CONCERNING C. R. DAVIS, JR., OR W. L. BRADSHAW. SOME FILES NOT LOCATED YET. IMMEDIATELY FURNISH BUREAU IDENTIFYING DATA RE BRADSHAW AND DAVIS AND WHAT YOUR FILES SHOW CONCERNING THEM. CONTACT [redacted] TO SEE IF BRADSHAW CAN BE INTERVIEWED. IN VIEW OF THREAT TO ATTORNEY GENERAL, THIS MATTER MUST BE THOROUGHLY RUN OUT BY YOUR OFFICE. SUTEL INFORMATION REQUESTED ABOVE. b7C

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COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS
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Re Atlanta airtel 2/25/64, copies to New York, captioned as above as well as "Martin Luther King, Jr., SM-C."

Information is reported in paragraph 2, page 2, that in a conversation between Dora McDonald (Secretary to Martin Luther King) and King she told King that he had been invited by Willy Brandt, Mayor of (West) Berlin, to the Berlin Festival 9/13/64. McDonald told King that Arthur Schlesinger had written to King asking him to accept the invitation. King indicated that he is undecided about the matter at the present time. [redacted]

Opening paragraph of reairtel noted that it was not believed necessary to put this information in a form suitable for dissemination.

For the information of Atlanta, the Bureau is making dissemination, under a "Secret" classification, of the above information concerning King possibly going to Berlin.

You are instructed to remain particularly alert through your sources for any additional information indicating a possible trip to Berlin by King. Should any such information be received, promptly furnish the Bureau the information in a form suitable for dissemination. At that time also include the information contained in reairtel. [redacted]

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Letter to Atlanta
RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
NEGRO QUESTION
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NOTE:

By separate letters we have given the White House and the Attorney General, with copies to the Deputy Attorney General and Yeagley and Marshall, the information about King possibly going to Berlin. As soon as firmer information is obtained in this matter, we will consider dissemination also to State, it being noted that up to now we have not included State in our voluminous dissemination concerning King and the communist influence in racial matters.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-110)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-151548)

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 6 copies of a LHM dated 2/26/64, and one copy for Atlanta.

Source used in the LHM [redacted] b(2) b7(D)

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This LHM has been classified SECRET, because it contains information from [redacted]. This source has b(2) b7(D) furnished highly sensitive information with respect to the racial situation in the NY area and the Communist infiltration thereof, and it is felt that this classification is necessary in order not to jeopardize the valuable position of the informant in furnishing information of this nature.

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New York, New York
February 26 1964

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Communist Party, United States of America
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On February 22, 1964, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Stanley Levison contacted Clarence Jones on that date. Jones mentioned that Martin Luther King should return from his trip on Monday (February 24, 1964). Levison said that he wished King would send the manuscript (of King's new book) so that the final drafts on the book could be completed since there is not much time left. Levison commented, "It would be wonderful if someone could convince King to pay some attention to detail and also to come across with some of the promises he (King) makes." Jones remarked that it is good King has some virtues so that "we" can overlook these shortcomings of his.

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Stanley Levison, was a secret member of the Communist Party, United States of America.

Clarence Jones is the General Counsel for the Gandhi Society For Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York City.

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RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C, D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-116)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-151548)

SUBJECT: CP, USA
NEGRO QUESTION
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS
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(OO: New York)

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Re: Communist Party,
United States of America (CP, USA)
Negro Question
Communist Influence in
Racial Matters
Internal Security - C

On February 19, 1964, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Stanley Levison contacted Clarence Jones on that date. Jones told Levison that Ruth Bailey (an employee of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) office in New York) had the SCLC mailing lists ready, and Levison replied that he would send Adele Cantor (who is a new employee of the SCLC in New York) after the lists. Levison stated that he was going to the office of Joan Daves (the publisher's representative for Martin Luther King's new book) to show her the original draft of Martin Luther King's article which is to appear in "The Nation". Levison asked if Jones thought it would be all right to change the article if Joan Daves thought it should be changed, and Jones replied that he thought it would be all right.

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, Stanley Levison was a secret member of the CP, USA.

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Date ... 1/12/77

Clarence Jones is the General Counsel for the Gandhi Society For Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York City.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-116)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-151548)

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SUBJECT: CPUSA-NEGRO QUESTION
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN
RACIAL MATTERS
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(1 - 100-106670) (MARTIN LUTHER KING)
(1 - 100-158790) (BAYARD RUSTIN)
1 - Atlanta (100-5586) (MARTIN LUTHER KING)(Encl. 1) (Info) (RM)
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1 - New York (100-19131) (SAUL MILLS) (423)
1 - New York (100-46729) (BAYARD RUSTIN) (414)
1 - New York (100-148289) (HARRY WACHTEL) (423)
1 - New York (100-151548) (414)

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New York, New York
February 12, 1964

Bureau 100-3-116

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REASON - FCIM II, 1-2.4.2
DATE OF REVIEW 2/12/84

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP (S) OF [illegible] DATE [illegible]

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Re: Communist Party, United States of America - Negro Question
Communist Influence In Racial Matters
Internal Security - C

On February 10, 1964, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Harry Wachtel contacted Clarence Jones on that date. Jones told Wachtel that Bayard Rustin is going to be "the northern representative for Dr. King" (Martin Luther King). He stated ~~that it has not~~ been announced but will be announced at a press conference. Jones said that everything has been worked out including salary and scale raises. According to Jones, King feels that Rustin "will be a shot in the arm" (for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference) (SCLC). Jones mentioned that he is looking for a midtown office for the New York SCLC. Jones also mentioned that he is having lunch with Saul Mills tomorrow.

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Re: Communist Party, United States of America - Negro Question
Communist Influence In Racial Matters
Internal Security - C

Harry H. Wachtel is the Executive Vice-President for the Gandhi Society For Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York City. He resides at 29 Split Rock Drive, Kings Point, Long Island, New York.

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Communist Influence In Racial Matters
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1. APPENDIX

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild:

"National Lawyers Guild

"1. Cited as a Communist front. (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)

"2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally related September 17, 1950.)

"3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the * * * National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.' (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-116) PERSONAL ATTENTION:
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
W.C. SULLIVAN
DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES
(100-24345B)

RE: CP, USA
NEGRO QUESTION
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE -
RACIAL MATTERS
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Re Los Angeles airtel dated 2/7/64 and Los Angeles telephone call to Honolulu 2/17/64.

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at which time it was ascertained that KING and WYATT WALKER have reservations to leave on UAL Flight 191 at 9:30 AM on 2/18/64. KING and WALKER are travelling on UAL Coach. Their ETA is approximately 12:50 PM Honolulu Standard Time.

5-Bureau (AM-RM) (CP, USA NEGRO QUESTION)
(1-LA 100-430794)
(1-LA 100-106670 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)
3-Atlanta (AM-RM) (100-6520) (CP, USA, NEGRO QUESTION)
PERSONAL ATTENTION: SAC, ATLANTA
(1-100-5586 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)
(1-157-169 WYATT WALKER)
2-Honolulu (AM-RM) (CP, USA, NEGRO QUESTION)
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The "Los Angeles Times", a large metropolitan Los Angeles newspaper, on 2/17/64 reported that KING appeared before 2,000 people on Sunday, 2/16/64, at the Second Baptist Church, Los Angeles. KING delivered his famous "letter" from St. Paul on Crete to American Christians, according to the article. Seated on the platform with KING were Dr. THOMAS KILGORE, JR., Pastor, Second Baptist Church; Reverend HARRY A. DE KNIGHT, JR., Executive, Los Angeles Church Federation; Dr. GAYRAUD WILMORE, Director, United Presbyterian Commission on Religion and Race; Dr. COLIN WILLIAMS, Director, National Council of Churches, Department of Evangelism; Dr. RALPH RICHARDSON, Associate Director of the aforementioned organization.

The "Los Angeles Times", in another article on 2/17/64, reported that KING also appeared before 500 people at an installation banquet of the all negro Consolidated Realty Board of Los Angeles. This affair was held at the Hollywood Palladium. KING stated in part, according to the article, that the repeal of the (California State) Rumford Housing Act would "be one of the most shameful developments in our nation's history". The article noted KING attacked people who state civil rights cannot be legislated, asserting that desegration can be and that is a major step toward integration. He stated that if the Civil Rights bill going before the Senate does not pass, "The sore of racial injustice on our body politic will grow malignant". The article noted that beside RUMFORD, California State Assemblyman, the guests included Attorney General STANLEY MOSK, State Comptroller ALAN CRANSTON, and Supervisor KENNETH HAHN. Attorney General MOSK gave Dr. KING a check for $10,000.00, which was pledged by persons attending a recent party hosted by the Attorney General and Mr. and Mrs. VICTOR CARTER. The article furnished no additional identifying data concerning VICTOR CARTER, nor did it state where this function had been held.

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Los Angeles will continue to closely follow and report developments as they occur.

The foregoing travel plans regarding KING and WALKER furnished Honolulu by telephone on 2/17/64.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-116)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-151548)

SUBJECT: CPUSA
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Ref Yairtel dated 2/19/64.

[redacted] advised that during the morning of 2/20/64, TONI HAMILTON, Secretary to STANLEY LEVISON, informed LEVISON that she had made reservations for him to depart NYC at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, 2/25/64, via Eastern Airlines for Atlanta. [redacted]

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During late afternoon on 2/20/64, [redacted] advised that an unfemale called Delta Airlines and made reservations for STANLEY LEVISON and ADELE CANTOR on flight #973, for Tuesday, 2/25/64, to Atlanta, Georgia. [redacted]

On 2/24/64, records of Delta Airlines reflected that the reservations of LEVISON and CANTOR were cancelled on 2/20/64. [redacted]

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(1-100-5586) (MARTIN LUTHER KING)
1-New York (100-111180) (STANLEY LEVISON) (414) [redacted]
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[redacted] Eastern Airlines, NY, NY, advised on 2/24/64, their records fail to reflect reservations for LEVISON or CANTOR for 2/25 or 26/64. He advised that his search included nine flights destined for Atlanta. [redacted]

The Atlanta Office should remain alert to the probable visit of LEVISON and CANTOR [redacted]

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New York, New York
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With respect to the foregoing information, it is to be noted that the New York office of the SCLC is in the process of being reorganized. Adele Cantor was recently employed to work in the SCLC office.

Levison instructed Jones to tell Ruth Bailey that in the reorganization there would be no job for her and that Bayard (Rustin) is to take over one aspect of the work. Levison told Jones that he should not mention to her that Rustin is to have a secretary. Levison suggested Jones tell Bailey that Billy Rowe might have a job for her when he gets some project going.

Billy Rowe is a public relations man in New York City, and has been given the task of fund raising for the SCLC.

Jones told Levison that Saul Mills is working with a man "in a direct mail appeal outfit" and the man wants to do something for the civil rights movement and for King (Martin Luther King). According to Jones, this individual is located at 375 Park Avenue (New York City). Levison indicated he was pleased with this and instructed Jones to set up a meeting before he (Levison) and Adele "go south". Levison said that they will have to get "a mailing out soon and the guy may be able to help". Levison remarked that they will use their own lists from "The Nation" and the Committee for an Effective Congress for a 60,000 mailing.

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-151548)
(157-1036)

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SUBJECT: CPUSA
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BOYCOTT DEMONSTRATION AT
NEW YORK CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
RACIAL MATTERS

Re NY teletype, 2/7/64, captioned as above.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 12 copies of a letterhead memorandum containing information furnished by [redacted] on 2/7/64. b(2) b7(D)

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(100-106670) (MARTIN LUTHER KING)
(1-100-158790) (BAYARD RUSTIN)
(1-100-3-104-34) (CPUSA - COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM)
(1-100-) (MILTON A. GALAMISON)
1-Atlanta (100-5586) (MARTIN LUTHER KING) (Info) (Encl. 1) (RM)
1-New York (157-1036) (BOYCOTT DEMONSTRATION AT NYC PUBLIC SCHOOLS) (414)
1-New York (100-136585)(MARTIN LUTHER KING) (414)
1-New York (100-46729) (BAYARD RUSTIN) (414) 100-106670-
1-New York (100-129802) (CPUSA - COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM) (41)
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A copy of this communication and letterhead memorandum is furnished Atlanta for information.

This letterhead memorandum is classified "Secret" because it contains information from [redacted] b(2)b 7(D) This source has furnished highly sensitive information with respect to the racial situation in the NY area and Communist infiltration thereof. It is felt this classification is necessary in order not to jeopardize the valuable position of the informant in furnishing information of this nature.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No. Bu 100-3-116
157-4-34

New York, New York
February 10, 1964

Re: Communist Party,
United States of America
Negro Question
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Racial Matters
Internal Security - C

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New York City Public Schools
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On February 7, 1964, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Bayard Rustin was contacted by Milton Galamison, who stated there was a 13 branch National Association For the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) meeting last night (February 6, 1964). Galamison said there were two themes to the whole meeting:

1. "to do me in" and 2. get some kind of plan to give to the Board of Education. Rustin said it was very important to know exactly what happened. Galamison said he got the report from someone who was not at the meeting. Galamison said "Roy (Wilkins) is out to kill me man and do the whole movement in." Rustin asked how firm the Harlem Parent's(Committee) (HPC) is and Galamison said the HPC hates the NAACP. Rustin said "they've got to be got to." Galamison said "if they hurt us I'm going to blow them sky high. I'm tired of protecting them." Rustin said play it soft and talk to someone who was there.

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Galamison contacted Rustin again later in the morning and described the previous night's meeting as a "lynch Galamison meeting" which lasted three hours. Galamison said his defenders were few and out-voiced. No one was proposed to take Galamison's place. Rustin queried what would they (NAACP) tell the public about Galamison going; call the boycott (of February 3, 1964) a failure? Galamison said that apparently the basis for their action is they dislike his making "unilateral decisions" and that stuff.

Rustin said they (NAACP) have two problems:

1. they have no one equally strong or equally important to take over and 2. what do they tell the public.

Galamison said he has the Brooklyn ministers with him and if he can keep the HPC, he will be all right in Manhattan. Rustin suggested Galamison talk to the HPC.

During the conversation, Galamison said the HPC hates the NAACP and vice-versa and he, Galamison keeps the HPC off the NAACP's back at every meeting.

Rustin was also contacted on February 7, 1964, by an unmale* who said the HPC will hold a meeting that evening at which they will accuse Rustin of being a "Red." Rustin laughed and indicated he would be talking to (Martin Luther) King at approximately 12:15 p.m., that date.

*unidentified male

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Later in the morning of February 7, 1964, Rustin told an unknown female that this boycott is getting out of hand. At the (NAACP) meeting last night they wanted to oust Galamison so he, Rustin, is getting out of the whole thing and will not attend the(HPC) meeting that evening. The unknown female said King (Martin Luther King) does not need you to project his image but he does need your ideas. He could use you as a special assistant.

Milton A. Galamison is a Brooklyn, New York Minister who is head of the Citywide Committee for Integrated Schools.

The "New York Herald Tribune" issue of August 14, 1963, page 7, column 1, contains an article captioned "Thurmond Assails A Leader of March." The article stated that, in answer to charges by Senator Strom Thurmond, Bayard Rustin admitted joining the Young Communist League (YCL) in 1936. Rustin also reportedly stated that he broke completely with the YCL in June, 1941.

The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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The "Daily Worker", issue of February 25, 1957, page 1, column 1, contained an article which stated that Bayard Rustin, Executive Secretary, War Resisters League, was one of eight non-Communist observers at the Communist Party National Convention in 1957.

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

Roy Wilkins is Executive Secretary of the NAACP.

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URGENT 2-17-64

TO DIRECTOR

FROM HONOLULU 172007

IMMEDIATE PERSONAL ATTENTION ASSISTANT DIRECTOR WILLIAM C. SULLIVAN.

CP, USA, NEGRO QUESTION, COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS, IS-C. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM-C. BUFILE 100-3-162.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE STATUS OF THE INVESTIGATION AND SITUATION IN HONOLULU AS OF MONDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 17.

THE HONOLULU OFFICE DETERMINED THAT THERE IS NO UNIVERSITY MOTEL AND THROUGH PUBLIC SOURCE INFORMATION HAD BEEN ABLE TO DETERMINE THAT MARTIN LUTHER KING WAS SCHEDULED TO STAY AT THE HILTON HAWAIIAN VILLAGE DURING THE TWO DAYS HE WAS TO BE THE GUEST OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, FEBRUARY 18 AND 19. THE HILTON HAWAIIAN VILLAGE IS A COMPLEX COMPOSED OF FOUR CONCRETE BUILDINGS FROM 13 TO 17 STORIES HIGH CONNECTED BY TWO-STORY CONCRETE STRUCTURES, SHOPS, ETC. IT HAS A CAPACITY FOR MORE THAN TWO THOUSAND GUESTS AND AT THE PRESENT TIME IS FILLED TO CAPACITY DURING THE WINTER TOURIST SEASON. THERE IS A CONSTANT DAILY TURNOVER OF HUNDREDS OF TOURISTS, WHO SPEND SOME TIME AT THE VILLAGE AND THEN LEAVE FOR RESORTS ON OTHER ISLANDS, EVENTUALLY RETURNING TO THE VILLAGE. THROUGH AN SAC CONTACT [redacted] SAC PRICE WAS ABLE TO PLACE THE AGENTS ON SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT IN THE VILLAGE, EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE ASKING GUESTS TO LEAVE AND TRY

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TO FIND SPACE ELSEWHERE.

THROUGH THIS CONTACT SAC PRICE WAS ABLE TO DETERMINE THAT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII HAD WRITTEN THE HILTON HAWAIIAN VILLAGE SOMETIME AGO AND HAD ASKED THAT THE VILLAGE ACCOMMODATE KING AND HIS ASSISTANT FOR FEBRUARY 18 AND 19. THE VILLAGE REPLIED THAT THEY WOULD ACCOMMODATE HIM IN SUPERIOR ACCOMMODATIONS AT A REDUCED RATE FOR THOSE TWO NIGHTS BUT INQUIRED WHETHER HE WANTED ONE OR TWO ROOMS AND EXACTLY WHAT TYPES OF ROOMS. TO DATE NO REPLY HAS BEEN RECEIVED AND THE SAC CONTACT INQUIRED OF THE UNIVERSITY LAST FRIDAY EXACTLY WHAT TYPE OF ACCOMMODATIONS WERE DESIRED AND WAS INFORMED THAT THE UNIVERSITY HAD NOT YET HEARD FROM KING JUST WHAT HE WANTED. HE WILL BE ACCOMMODATED AS SOON AS IT IS DETERMINED WHAT HE WANTS BUT AS YET SPECIFIC SPACE HAS NOT BEEN ASSIGNED.

[redacted]

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THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AND ASSOCIATED GROUPS ARE CELEBRATING CIVIL RIGHTS WEEK IN CONNECTION WITH THE OPENING OF THE SESSION OF THE HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE WITH CONTROVERSIAL

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SPEAKERS OF ALL TYPES FROM VARIOUS PARTS OF THE COUNTRY. FOLLOWING IS THE PUBLISHED SCHEDULE FOR KING FOR THE NEXT TWO DAYS:

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18: NAACP PUBLIC RECEPTION, 4 TO 6 PM; SERMON AT CENTRAL UNION CHURCH, 7:30 PM, SPONSORED BY COUNCIL OF CHURCHES. WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19: 8:15 AM SPEECH AT FAMOUS OLD CHURCH IN CONNECTION WITH OPENING DAY, HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE; NOON SPEECH IN CONNECTION WITH CELEBRATION CIVIL RIGHTS WEEK AS PART OF PANEL OF CONTROVERSIAL SPEAKERS.

KING EXPECTED TO BE AT HILTON HAWAIIAN VILLAGE UNDER ARRANGEMENTS MADE BY UNIVERSITY ON NIGHTS OF FEBRUARY 18 AND 19, AFTER WHICH HE IS ON HIS OWN BUT COULD STAY ON IN SAME ACCOMMODATIONS BY PAYING HIGHER RATE.

INFORMATION FROM ATLANTA INDICATES KAHALA HILTON POSSIBLE DESTINATION OF WOMEN FROM LOS ANGELES. KAHALA HILTON IS NEWEST AND PERHAPS MOST LUXURIOUS OF ENTIRE HILTON CHAIN. IS TEN-STORY CONCRETE BUILDING IN ISOLATED AREA OUTSIDE OF HONOLULU PROPER BETWEEN GOLF COURSE AND SEA, SET ON ITS OWN ARTIFICIAL LAKE. IT AFFORDS EXPENSIVE SUITES RATHER THAN ROOMS. IT IS NOT ENTIRELY OCCUPIED AS YET BUT MOST DISCREET INQUIRY [redacted] REVEALS b7(D) NO RESERVATION IDENTIFIABLE WITH LOS ANGELES WOMEN. MOST DISCREET INVESTIGATION CONTINUING TO DETERMINE RESERVATIONS AND IF CONFIRMED, WILL ATTEMPT COVERAGE FROM NEARBY SUITE, IF

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POSSIBLE. BY SEPARATE RADIOGRAM LOS ANGELES BEING REQUESTED TO KEEP HONOLULU ADVISED PROMPTLY OF ALL DEVELOPMENTS.

HONOLULU WILL KEEP BUREAU ADVISED OF ALL DEVELOPMENTS.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-116)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-151548)

SUBJECT: CPUSA
NEGRO QUESTION
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE
IN RACIAL MATTERS
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(OO: NY)

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are seven copies of a letterhead memorandum dated 2/18/64; copies are also enclosed for Atlanta, Honolulu and Los Angeles.

Sources used in the letterhead memorandum are as follows: [redacted] b(2) b7(D)

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(It is to be noted that [redacted] furnished the same information as [redacted]

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Re: Communist Party,
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On February 15, 1964, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Stanley Levison contacted Clarence Jones on that date. They discussed the mailing list for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and Jones promised that he would go to the SCLC office (in New York) and get the list. Jones said that Adele Cantor (a new employee of the SCLC in New York) could pick the list up at his office. Levison told Jones that this would be a good time for Jones to tell Ruth Bailey (an employee of the SCLC in New York) that she is no longer needed and to obtain a door key to the office. Levison asked if Jones had a key to the safety deposit box for the SCLC, and Jones replied that he did not have a key. Levison stated he could probably have a key made because he paid the box rent himself and was one of the signators on the box. (S)

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Jones stated that he and Ann (his wife) "have to do something about some money which they might come into in the future," and he wanted to know if Levison would serve as a trustee along with him. Jones stated that this concerns purely personal affairs. Levison said he would think about it.

Levison stated it was very important for Jones to get in touch with Martin Luther King regarding the article coming out in "The Nation" concerning the boycott (of New York City Public Schools) before it goes out of date. Jones said he would contact King who is in Los Angeles.

On February 16, 1964, a second confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Clarence Jones contacted Martin Luther King at the Statler-Hilton Hotel in Los Angeles on that date. Jones asked King if he had received the article for "The Nation" concerning the Senate filibuster. Jones said "they" wanted King to mail the article immediately "so it will be timely and so they will be able to obtain 'The Nation's' mailing lists in exchange for the SCLC mailing list".

King mentioned that he was getting ready to preach at Reverend Tom Kilgore's church. Jones asked King to tell Kilgore (who is an official in the SCLC) that he (Jones) has mailed the names and addresses of people who might be considered in staffing the SCLC office in Los Angeles. King further stated that he was going to Hawaii from Los Angeles and would not return until February 24.

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Jones stated he wanted Adele Cantor and "a person in New York" to come down to Atlanta and get together with Ed Clayton (who is Director of Public Relations for the SCLC). Jones said he did not want them to come down until King was in town.

On February 14, 1964, the second confidential source furnished information which indicated that Clarence Jones contacted Ruth Bailey at the SCLC office in New York on that date. Jones mentioned that he had been talking to Ed Clayton and that he was interested in the status of the "so called gold carat list." Jones asked if there was such a list. She stated that there is a "gold carat list" and that it is maintained at the office, and she indicated that the list is made up of people who will contribute $20.00 and up. Jones indicated that he would like to come to the office and go through the list.

The boycott of New York City Public Schools took place on February 3, 1964. It was a demonstration to protest the alleged racial imbalance in the New York City Public Schools.

With respect to the information concerning Adele Cantor and "a person in New York" going to Atlanta to meet with Ed Clayton, it is to be noted that the source on February 11, 1964, furnished information which indicated that Levison and Adele were to "go south."

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Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA).

Clarence Jones is the General Counsel for the Gandhi Society For Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York City.

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The LYL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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URGENT 2-18-64

TO DIRECTOR AND LOS ANGELES

FROM HONOLULU 180035

PERSONAL ATTN: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR WILLIAM C. SULLIVAN. PERSONAL ATTN: SAC, LOS ANGELES.

CP, USA, NEGRO QUESTION, COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS IS - C. BUFILE 100-3-116. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM - C. [redacted]

REMYRAD TO BUREAU AND SEPARATE RAD TO LOS ANGELES THIS DATE.

EXTREMELY DISCREET PRETEXT INQUIRY AT KAHALA HILTON AM MONDAY REVEALS FOLLOWING RESERVATIONS THERE: DR. MARTIN KING AND DR. W. WALKER TWO SINGLES AT $22 PER DAY EACH FROM FEBRUARY 20 THROUGH 25. REV. LOGAN KEARSE, SINGLE AT $22 PER DAY FROM FEBRUARY 22 THROUGH 25. ABOVE THREE RESERVATIONS MADE THROUGH HENDERSON TRAVEL SERVICE 131 HUNTER NW, ATLANTA. DOLORES EVANS, SINGLE, PRICE NOT STATED TO BE DETERMINED WHEN ROOM ASSIGNED ON ARRIVAL, FROM FEBRUARY 21 THROUGH 25, ARRIVING PAA FLIGHT 817 FROM LOS ANGELES FEBRUARY 21. ABOVE RESERVATION MADE BY HILTON LOS ANGELES FEBRUARY 10 LAST. NO RESERVATION ABOVE HOTEL FOUND FOR DOLORES JUANITA SHEFFEY WHO, ACCORDING TO PREVIOUS LOS ANGELES INFO, IS DUE TO ARRIVE HONOLULU VIA AL FLIGHT 195 FEBRUARY 20. 100-106670

HONOLULU AND AGENTS ON SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT WILL ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN AS MUCH COVERAGE AS POSSIBLE.

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RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL. (U.S.D.C, D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM CLEVELAND (100-0) 1P

MARTIN LUTHER KING, INFORMATION CONCERNING, IS-MISCELLANEOUS.

[redacted] OHIO, WHO IS A MINISTER FOR [redacted] ADVISED HE HAD RECENTLY READ A BOOK BY CARL PRUSSIAN, WHICH STATED THAT MARTIN LUTHER KING BELONGED TO SIXTY CP FRONT ORGANIZATIONS, [redacted] HAD CONTACTED OHIO REPRESENTATIVE FRANK T. BOW IN WASHINGTON, D.C., BY TELEPHONE AND REQUESTED MATERIAL BE MADE AVAILABLE BY FEB. SEVENTEEN, SIXTYFOUR, TO MAYOR STANLEY CMICH OF CANTON, OHIO, RE KING'S BACKGROUND IN COMMUNIST ORGANIZATIONS. REPRESENTATIVE BOW'S OFFICE IN WASHINGTON IS TO COMPILE THIS INFORMATION BY MON., FEB. SEVENTEEN, SIXTYFOUR, AND MAKE SAME AVAILABLE TO MAYOR CMICH. [redacted] WANTED ANY INFORMATION THE LOCAL FBI MAY HAVE RE KING. THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE FBI FILES WAS EXPLAINED TO [redacted] AND NO ADDITIONAL ACTION IS CONTEMPLATED BY CLEVELAND.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: Mr. Mohr

DATE: February 12, 1964

FROM: C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING
ARTICLE BEING WRITTEN FOR
"SATURDAY EVENING POST"

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Guthman called 2-11-64 and stated that he and Assistant Attorney General Burke Marshall had received a visit from Cleghorn, the "Atlanta Journal" reporter, who also free-lances for the "Saturday Evening Post." Guthman stated that Cleghorn obviously was seeking information from the Department concerning Martin Luther King but that he and Marshall had turned him down flatly.

Guthman indicated that from what Cleghorn told him, the "Saturday Evening Post" can't possibly publish an article mentioning Stanley Levinson's name, the hidden communist. Guthman claimed that Cleghorn left the Department in a very angry mood inasmuch as he does not have enough information to prove that Martin Luther King has specific connections with the Communist Party. I asked Guthman if the "Saturday Evening Post" planned to "whitewash" King. He told me that he didn't think so, that the entire idea of the article might be abandoned.

Guthman asked me if Cleghorn showed up at FBI Headquarters. I told him he did not, that apparently Cleghorn was only interested in trying to get information from the Department.

ACTION:

For record purposes.

b7(C) [redacted]

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Sullivan
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TO : MR. MOHR

DATE: January 31, 1964

FROM : N. P. CALLAHAN

SUBJECT: UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY (USIA)
FILM - "MARCH FOR FREEDOM"

This morning I saw Jay Howe of our Subcommittee and he advised that during the Attorney General's appearance before the Subcommittee yesterday morning no discussion arose involving the Bureau on the part of the members with respect to the Director's testimony.

Howe did state that all of the members are very concerned regarding the background of Martin Luther King which the Director furnished off the record and strictly among themselves to Jay's knowledge have had quite lengthy discussions concerning it.

b 7(c) [redacted]

Jay Howe stated that yesterday morning after they had concluded hearings on the Justice Department items, the members and the Chairman instructed him to have the USIA show them the film which they have and propose to distribute the captioned "March For Freedom." Howe stated all members were present for this film except Congressmen Lipscomb and Neal Smith. Howe stated the film generally deals with the racial situation in this country and the members were particularly disturbed and irked at the fact that Martin Luther King appears to predominate the film. He appears in better than half of the entire film and after viewing it the members got the impression that he had played an advisory role in its preparation.

Howe stated on a strictly confidential basis that the Chairman with the concurrence of the other members of the Subcommittee feel that an approach should be made to the President so that he can instruct USIA to withdraw this film and not permit its circulation. The Chairman also suggested to Howe he might want to mention to the Senate Appropriations Committee Clerk, Harold Merrick, that maybe members of the Senate Subcommittee on Appropriations would want to view this film but definitely without giving any of the King back ground which was furnished off the record.

Howe stated that yesterday afternoon after viewing the USIA movie members had also observed the editorial in yesterday's Washington Post dealing with this picture which in substance indicated it was a good film; however, it would meet with opposition from certain areas particularly those who were "confused" or "fainthearted."

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Howe was most appreciative of the letter he received from the Director after his appearance before the Subcommittee.

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Manchester, New Hampshire 03102

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Dear [redacted]

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Your letter of February 11th, with enclosure, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service to you, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with the regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance and trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy.

Sincerely yours,

MAILED 11
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J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: In July, 1963, [redacted] inquired about the John Birch Society and was forwarded Bureau reprint material. At that time, he was not identifiable in Bufiles. Martin Luther King is well known in Bufiles. His enclosure depicting King at the Highlander Folk School is also well known to Bufiles.

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Feb. 11, 1964

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I would appreciate it if you would affirm or deny the accusations made by this pamphlet as to the Communist front affiliations of Martin Luther King. If it is true could you forward a list of the fronts to which he belongs.

Thank you,

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Feb. 1, 1964

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I would appreciate it if you would affirm or deny the accusations made by this pamphlet as to the Communist front affiliations of Martin Luther King. If it is true could you forword a list of the fronts to which he belongs.

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Thank You,

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MARTIN LUTHER KING....AT COMMUNIST TRAINING SCHOOL



The above picture was made by an employee of the State of Georgia, at the Highlander Folk School in Monteagle, Tennessee during the Labor Day week-end of 1957. The photographer was sent to the Highlander Folk School by the Georgia Commission on Education. The Highlander Folk School was abolished by an act of the Legislature of the State of Tennessee at a later date because it was charged with being a subversive organization.

Those numbered in the picture are:

1. **Martin Luther King, Jr., of the Montgomery boycott and the Birmingham riots. Karl Prussion, a counterspy for the FBI for twenty-two years, charges that Martin Luther King belongs to sixty Communist-front orgonizotions — more than any Communist in the United States. He is promoted and encouraged by the Kennedys.**
2. **Abner W. Berry of the Central Committee of the Communist Party.**
3. **Aubrey Williams, President of the Southern Conference Education Fund, Inc., The Transmission Belt in the South for the Communist Party.**
4. **Myles Horton, Director of Highlander Folk School for Communist Training, Monteagle, Tennessee.**

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1 - Mr. Haack
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As receiving offices are aware, Martin Luther King has for some time been working on a new book to be published over his signature. Editorial work relative to the book is being done by one Hermine Popper (phonetic) in New York City. There have been numerous references in communications originating with the New York Office in captioned and related matters pertaining to the book. Some mention has also been made in communications from Atlanta.

It is entirely possible that with the publication of the book the Bureau may desire to take some action, possibly in the counterintelligence area or otherwise, which may be designed to discredit King or otherwise neutralize his effectiveness because of the communist influence upon him. At that time it may be necessary to incorporate into a single communication all pertinent references to the book, with particular emphasis upon the communist influence being given, as for example the counsel which Stanley David Levison has already exerted relative to the book.

In order to facilitate the preparation of a communication such as the Bureau has in mind, receiving offices are now instructed to review appropriate files and tabulate references to the forthcoming book. These references should be correlated along with any future ones of the same nature. At a later date the Bureau will issue further instructions as to the preparation of the communication it has in mind.

It is intended that this matter will be handled by the New York Office, with Atlanta assisting by furnishing necessary references to New York for incorporation in the document.

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In a radio broadcast 2/8/64 Drew Pearson made reference to a claim that extremists in the South have formed a secret terrorist society which has marked Chief Justice Earl Warren for death and that members of the society have also boasted that they intend to assassinate Dr. Martin Luther King.

While the specific "society" was not mentioned, it may well refer to Nacirema, which is the subject of a Racial Matter investigation, your office origin, your file 157-244.

You are instructed to thoroughly review your file concerning Nacirema and advise the Bureau of any references ever made to a possible assassination attempt relative to King. Should such information have been developed in connection with any other investigation in your office, advise as to details. No specific investigation relative to this matter is being requested by the Bureau. However, your office should be extremely alert to any information ever developed indicating violence intent upon the person of King and the Bureau should be promptly advised of any such information.

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TO DIRECTOR, [illegible], ATLANTA, LOS ANGELES AND SAN FRANCISCO

FROM ATLANTA [illegible]

(ATTENTION ASSISTANT DIRECTOR W.C. SULLIVAN, DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION. PERSONAL ATTENTION SAC - SAN FRANCISCO, LOS ANGELES, HONOLULU AND ATLANTA (BAC).

CP, USA, RACIAL QUESTION, COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS,

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM - C.

SOURCE ADVISED TODAY THAT KING AND WYATT WALKER LEFT ATLANTA AT 11:40 AM CST ATLANTA FLIGHT NUMBER 815 DUE TO ARRIVE IN FRISCO AT 4:03 PM.

KING AND PROBABLY WALKER WILL BE STAYING IN THE SHERATON PALACE HOTEL SAN FRANCISCO TONIGHT. KING HAS PRESS CONFERENCE SCHEDULED AT AIRPORT SAN FRANCISCO UPON ARRIVAL. HE IS SCHEDULED TO SPEAK TONIGHT AT 8 PM, POSSIBLY AT CONTRA COSTA COLLEGE AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED. KING AND WALKER TO LEAVE SAN FRANCISCO AT 10 AM FEBRUARY 15 ARRIVING LOS ANGELES 11:04 AM. REPORTEDLY WILL ATTEND BANQUET IN LOS ANGELES SUNDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 16 AND HAS SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT IN LOS ANGELES FEBRUARY 18. WALKER AND KING LEAVING LOS ANGELES ENROUTE TO HONOLULU ON THE MORNING OF FEBRUARY 18.

LOGAN KEERS, A BALTIMORE ACQUAINTANCE OF KING WHO IS KNOWN TO THE BALTIMORE OFFICE WAS REPORTEDLY GOING TO HAWAII WITH KING AND WALKER. ATLANTA NOT AWARE OF PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF KEERS.

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The Attorney [illegible]

[illegible], DC

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My letter to you, January 10, 1964, furnished information concerning the [illegible] Martin Luther King, Jr. Additional information relative to this matter has been developed.

On January 7, 1964, [illegible] of this Bureau observed Clarence [illegible] registering at the Hotel in New York City at 5:30 P.M. [illegible] as to the room in which Jones and Levison would be registered. At 10:20 P.M. Stanley Levison [illegible] but Jones did not check in at the hotel. At 11:00 P.M., Levison and Jones were seen by Bureau personnel [illegible] checking to see if Jones had registered and to ascertain if Mr. [illegible] had registered in order that the FBI (on a [illegible] basis) at New York discontinue it.

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At 5:30 P.M. on the same date, [illegible] departing from the hotel and at 6:10 P.M. [illegible] FEB 17 1964 [illegible] observed although [illegible] in the lobby. [illegible] and out of the hotel, [illegible] under consideration.

As of July, 1963, Jones was a secret member of the Communist Party, USA, according to a confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past. Clarence Jones has been identified as a member of the [illegible] in the Labor Youth League (LYL) in late 1962 or early 1963. The LYL has been designated as a [illegible] pursuant to Executive Order 10450. Jones is the General Counsel for the Cuban Society for Human Welfare, an organization which is engaged in raising funds on behalf of Fidel's collectivism in the

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1 - The Deputy Attorney General

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February 13, 1964

BY LIAISON [redacted] b7(C)

Clarence Jones interviewed by Jenkins 2-14-64

Honorable Walter W. Jenkins
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Jenkins:

My letter to you, February 10, 1964, furnished information concerning the connection between Stanley Levison and Martin Luther King. Additional information relative to this matter has been developed.

On February 7, 1964, Special Agents of this Bureau observed Clarence Jones enter the Park Sheraton Hotel in New York City at 12:15 P.M. Jones inquired as to the room in which Martin Luther King was registered. At 12:20 P.M. Stanley Levison entered the same hotel and met Jones in the lobby. At 12:30 P.M., Levison and Jones were joined by Bayard Rustin and these three individuals took an elevator to the eighth floor. It is to be noted that King and an assistant of his, Bernard Lee, were registered in Rooms 815 and 816 (on the eighth floor) at the Park Sheraton Hotel.

At 5:00 P.M. on the same date, Rustin was observed departing from the hotel and at 5:10 P.M. King, Levison and Jones were observed alighting from an elevator in the lobby. These three individuals walked together through the lobby and out of the hotel, engaged all the while in conversation.

As of July, 1963, Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party, USA, according to a confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past. Clarence

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The Labor Youth League has been designated as subversive pursuant to Executive Order 10450. Jones is the General Counsel for the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, an organization which is engaged in raising funds on behalf of King's endeavors in the Negro movement. Bayard Rustin has admitted joining the Young Communist League in 1936. He is reported to have stated that he broke completely with the Young Communist League in June, 1941. The Young Communist League has been designated as subversive pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

This information is being furnished to other interested officials of the Government.

Sincerely yours,

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TO DIRECTOR MIAMI ATLANTA

FROM SAN JUAN 132015

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SM-C. ATLANTA FILE 100-5586.

RE ATLANTA RADIOGRAM DATED FEBRUARY 8 LAST.

SUBJECT AND BERNARD LEE ARRIVED SAN JUAN ON FEBRUARY 9 LAST ON EASTERN AIR LINES FLIGHT 721. BOTH INDIVIDUALS DEPARTED SAN JUAN ON FEBRUARY 13 INSTANT ABOARD PAN AMERICAN FLIGHT 456 DEPARTING SAN JUAN AT 3 P.M. EN ROUTE MIAMI. BOTH SUBJECTS HOLD TICKETS ON EASTERN FLIGHT 812 LEAVING MIAMI AT 5:45 P.M. THIS DATE EN ROUTE ATLANTA.

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BOYCOTT DEMONSTRATION
NEW YORK CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are ten copies of a letterhead memorandum dated 2/11/64, and one copy is enclosed for Atlanta.

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Source used to characterize TOM KAHN is Records of Selective Service, reviewed in January, 1961.

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This letterhead memorandum is classified "Secret" because it contains information from [redacted] This source has furnished highly sensitive information with respect to the racial situation in the New York area and Communist infiltration thereof. It is felt that this classification is necessary in order not to jeopardize the valuable position of the informant in furnishing information of this nature.

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New York, New York
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Re: Communist Party, United States of America - Negro Question
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New York City Public Schools
Racial Matters

On February 8, 1964, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that a woman named June (phonetic) contacted Bayard Rustin on that date. June stated that an article appearing in the "Post" indicated that the civil rights leaders are divided, and Rustin replied that the papers are just confusing the issue. They mentioned Milton (Reverend Milton A. Galamison, who is chairman of the Citywide Committee for Integrated Schools), and Rustin stated if he (Galamison) should be ousted, Galamison would go out on his own and take the whole issue to the public personally.

On February 8, 1964, the same source furnished information which indicated that Tom Kahn contacted Rustin on that date. Rustin mentioned that he had been up for half of the night with "the Negroes who have been fighting over the situation" (the movement to oust Galamison). Rustin mentioned an article

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appearing in "The New York Times" in which "they realize there is a fight going on but they don't know what the fight is about". According to Rustin, "the real fight is about Galamison and the fact that they want to replace Galamison with me as their leader". Continuing, Rustin said, "I can't do that because he has been in this movement for ten years and although he has made some mistakes you can't change horses in the middle of the stream without affecting the whole community, and I don't want to get into that because on the 15th of March, I am taking a new job with (Martin Luther) King as his man in the north". Kahn suggested that Rustin keep out of it. Rustin replied that he cannot stay out of it because if he does "they will elevate me and I have got to let Galamison know through discussions that I am not playing that game with those people".

Kahn asked Rustin if he took the job with King, would he drop the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), and Rustin replied that he does not intend to drop anything.

On February 8, 1964, the same source furnished information which indicated that Bayard Rustin contacted Velma (phonetic) on that date. Rustin pointed out to her that the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and Milton (Galamison) need to talk. He said that they agreed to meet at midnight tonight and talk things over. Rustin mentioned that he is speaking tonight in New Jersey at an Americans for Democratic Action (ADA) banquet. Rustin said in regard to his meeting with King that everything is almost settled and that he is going to work on the 15th of March.

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On February 9, 1964, the same source furnished information that Bayard Rustin was going to a meeting on February 9, 1964, at 4:00 PM, at Reverend Galamison's Church and that this meeting would probably continue until 8:00 or 9:00 o'clock.

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in January, 1961, that Thomas David Kahn admitted being a member of the Young Socialist League (YSL) from 1955 to 1957, and a member of the Young People's Socialist League (YPSL) from 1957 to 1961, and a member of the National Executive Committee of the YPSL during the same period.

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The "New York Herald Tribune" issue of August 14, 1963, page 7, column 1, contains an article captioned "Thurmond Assails A Leader of March". The article stated that, in answer to charges by Senator Strom Thurmond, Bayard Rustin admitted joining the Young Communist League (YCL) in 1936. Rustin also reportedly stated that he broke completely with the YCL in June, 1941.

The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker", issue of February 25, 1957, page 1, column 1, contained an article which stated that Bayard Rustin, Executive Secretary, War Resisters League, was one of eight non-communist observers at the Communist Party National Convention in 1957.

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

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The Agents who observed CLARENCE JONES and HARRY WACHTEL on 2/6/64, were SAS [redacted]

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The Agents who observed JONES, STANLEY LEVISON and BAYARD RUSTIN on 2/7/64, were SAS [redacted] b7(c)

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The LHM has been classified "Secret" because it contains information from [redacted] and [redacted]. These sources have furnished highly sensitive information with respect to the racial situation in the NY area and the communist infiltration thereof, and it is felt that this classification is necessary in order not to jeopardize the valuable positions of the informants in furnishing information of this nature. b2

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New York, New York
February 10, 1964

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Re: Communist Party, United States of America
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On February 6, 1964, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Martin Luther King contacted Bayard Rustin on that date. King congratulated Rustin on the boycott and said that it was the greatest "fizzle" he had ever seen. In response to King's question about having another boycott, Rustin said that he hoped there would not be another one, and he said that he thought they had to work on the Board (of Education) behind the scenes. King remarked that he read in the newspaper about (February) the 25th, and Rustin replied, "Well, we have to work on this thing."

King said that he has to go on television for an interview and would need some information. King inquired as to exactly what (Rev. Milton A.) Galamison really wants. Rustin replied that this is one of the weaknesses which will have to be worked out, and he advised King to stay away from that question. He stated that "they" (Citywide Committee for Integrated Schools) want to see the Princeton Plan adopted and a plan to fight for integration and improvement in the quality of education. King asked what the Princeton Plan was. Rustin told him that it was a plan to make the first three grades in a Negro school available to everyone and to make the next three grades in a white school available to everyone. Rustin remarked

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that it is impossible to deal with the Princeton Plan in the hard rock ghetto because it would mean bussing all the Negroes out and the whites in over a long distance. Rustin indicated that the main criticism of the plan which came from the Board of Education is that it affects only 20 to 25 segregated elementary and junior high schools. Rustin said that they did not take into consideration the building of 25 segregated schools which would move it back to the starting point. Rustin said they would have to stop the building of new schools in ghettos. He stated they wanted the new schools built where they can be integrated. Rustin said the Negro leadership is not only interested in integration but also in bettering the educational system and the schools themselves. Rustin indicated that when there are new and better schools, parents will not care about the bus transportation, and he pointed out that wealthy people have been transporting their students by bus to private schools for years. Rustin stated that they point out that "bussing" is only transportation and not segregation. King asked how they get around the question that "bussing" is more of a burden on the people, and Rustin replied that he tells people that they will be willing to bus their children for a better education. King said that one of the things which he points out is that one cannot use residential segregation as an excuse to perpetuate de facto segregation at the expense of better education. King suggested that they meet tomorrow (February 7, 1964) at 12:30 P.M. at the Park Sheraton Hotel, 7th Avenue and 55th Street, New York City. King indicated that he wanted Clarence Jones also to come to the meeting on February 7, 1964.

With respect to the foregoing information, the boycott of New York City Public Schools took place on February 3, 1964. It was a demonstration to protest the alleged racial imbalance in the New York City Public Schools. Reverend Milton A. Galamison is chairman of the Citywide

Committee for Integrated Schools. Boycott leaders described the boycott as a success, but James B. Donovan, President of the Board of Education, described the boycott as a "fizzle." It was reported that boycott leaders planned other boycotts on February 11 and February 25 and an extended boycott at the time of the New York World's Fair.

On February 6, 1964, a second confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Clarence Jones contacted Gloria Cantor [redacted] on that b7(c) date. Jones stated that he is drafting a statement for Martin Luther King on the (New York City Public Schools) boycott. Jones mentioned that at the next meeting of the board of directors of the Gandhi Society, he will formally resign from the position which he holds in the society.

On February 6, 1964, Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) between 12:50 P.M. and 1:30 P.M. observed the following people entering the Dover Room of the Hotel Dorset, 30 West 54th Street, New York City:

Harry Wachtel

Clarence Jones

Theresa Butcher (who is an employee of the Gandhi Society)

Martin Luther King

Bernard Lee (who is an assistant of King)

The hotel directory indicated that the Gandhi Society was having a luncheon in the Dover Room.

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On February 7, 1964, the second confidential source furnished information which indicated that Clarence Jones contacted Theresa Butcher (who is an employee of the Gandhi Society Office) on that date. Jones gave Butcher the agenda for the luncheon meeting of the Gandhi Society on February 6, 1964. He said that the first item was a discussion on the tax exemption for the Gandhi Society and this was followed by the nomination of officers. According to Jones, the next item on the agenda was a talk by King on the happenings of 1963 and the outlook for 1964. Jones said they discussed the hiring of an executive director and then the nominations of people to the board of directors.

Jones mentioned that those in attendance at the meeting were King, Reverend Kilgore, Mr. Morris of the National Maritime Union, Reverend J. Oscar Lee of the National Council of Churches, Sam Pierce, Jr., Reverend Edwin T. Dahlberg (phonetic), Harry Wachtel, William Kunstler, Mordecai Johnson (phonetic) (former Presidentof Howard University), Rosa Gragg (phonetic), Reverend George Johnson, Doctor Frank Graham and Mrs. Andrea Simon. Jones said the officers are Mordecai Johnson, president; Harry Wachtel, executive vice-president; Edwin T. Dahlberg (phonetic), vice-president; Doctor J. Oscar Lee, vice-president, Rosa Gragg (phonetic), secretary-treasurer. He said that the executive director is to be hired. Jones said that his resignation was unanimously turned down and that he is still general counsel. Jones said that the board of directors will consist of Harry Belafonte, Robert Ryan, Allard Rubinstein (phonetic), Rabbi Joachim Prinz (phonetic), Rabbi Julius Mark (phonetic), and Rabbi Edwin Klein (phonetic).

On February 7, 1964, a third confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Joan Daves (who is the publishers representative for Martin Luther King's forthcoming book) contacted Clarence Jones on that date. She mentioned that King had called her in regard to the book, and asked her about giving

credit to Al Duckett in the book. Jones mentioned that he is opposed to giving Duckett any special credit, and Daves indicated that she was pleased to hear this. She advised that King said he thought there was an agreement between him and Duckett and that he did not want to change the relationship. Daves said she told King that she was opposed to this. According to Daves, King stated he would like to discuss this matter with Jones. Jones stated that he is of the opinion that Duckett did not fulfill the terms of the agreement and that having paid Duckett he does not think King is under any obligation to accord Duckett credit in the final manuscript. Daves suggested that he make these views known to King.

On February 7, 1964, the third confidential source furnished information which indicated that Clarence Jones contacted Stanley Levison on that date. They made arrangements to meet in the lobby of the Park Sheraton Hotel on February 7, 1964, at 12:30 P.M.

On February 7, 1964, Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) observed Clarence Jones entering the Park Sheraton Hotel, 7th Avenue and 55th Street, New York City, at 12:15 P.M. Upon entering the hotel, Jones asked in which room Martin Luther King was registered. At 12:20 P.M., Stanley Levison entered the Park Sheraton Hotel and met Clarence Jones in the lobby. Bayard Rustin entered the Park Sheraton Hotel at 12:30 P.M. and met Levison and Jones. Jones, Levison and Rustin took an elevator to the 8th floor.

With respect to the foregoing information, it is to be noted that Martin Luther King and Bernard Lee, who is Martin Luther King's assistant and travelling companion, were registered in Rooms 815 and 816 (on the 8th floor) at the Park Sheraton Hotel.

At 5:00 P.M., Bayard Rustin was observed departing from the hotel. At 5:10 P.M., Martin Luther King, Stanley Levison and Clarence Jones were observed getting off an elevator in the lobby of the hotel. As they walked through the lobby and out of the hotel, they were engaging in conversation.

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In the "New York Post" of February 6, 1964, there appears an article written by James A. Wechsler captioned "News Story." In this article, Wechsler talks about an article appearing in the "New York Daily News" in which it was revealed that Bayard Rustin appeared at a party at the Soviet United Nations Mission. According to the article, it was almost inevitable the "News" would try to portray the school boycott as the product of a communist conspiracy, and it was indicated that this was done crudely and cynically.

It was stated that Bayard Rustin is a long-time pacifist who rejected communism more than 20 years ago and who, during the period when the United States and the Soviet Union were military allies, spent 28 months in a federal penitentiary as a conscientious objector, and it was stated that this was hardly the conduct of a communist.

According to the article, Rustin was at the Soviet Embassy on Tuesday evening, and it was stated that there was nothing furtive about his presence there. He was there as a member of the Committee for Non-Violent Action, a pacifist group which staged the "San Francisco to Moscow Walk for Peace" in 1961. As a sequel to that journey, a Soviet "peace group" was invited by the United States pacifists to pay a visit to the United States. It was stated that Rustin attended the reception at the Soviet Embassy as an initial participant in this exchange.

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Harry Belafonte is the prominent entertainer.

Clarence Jones is the General Counsel for the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York City.

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William Kunstler is on the Board of Directors of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights.

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NEW YORK COUNCIL TO ABOLISH
THE HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES
COMMITTEE

On March 9, 1961, a source advised that the New York Council To Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee (NYCAUAC), 150 West 34th Street, New York City, New York, was formed at a meeting held in New York City on November 17, 1960. This organization was founded principally through the efforts of FRANK WILKINSON, Field Representative of the National Committee To Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee (NCAUAC).

A second source advised on September 17, 1952, that FRANK WILKINSON was a Communist Party member as of September, 1952.

A third source furnished on September 14, 1961, a copy of resolutions of the New York Council to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee (NYCAHUAC) which were adopted by the NYCAHUAC. One such resolution affirmed the intention to continue to work for the abolition of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) and to continue its efforts to broaden the participation in this fight. Another resolution accepted as a modus vivendi the suggestion of the Field Representative of the "National Committee to Abolish the HCUA" (NCAHUAC) namely that local abolition committees may identify and co-ordinate their efforts as closely as they desire with NCAHUAC, still maintaining their autonomy for as flexible and independent a program as possible.

Various sources have advised during March, 1962, that Communist Party (CP) members in the New York City area have been solicited to support activities of the NYCAHUAC during attendance at CP club meetings.

On May 6, 1963, the first source advised that the NYCAHUAC continues to function from its office at 150 West 34th Street, New York City, New York.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-116) DATE: 2/10/64

FROM : SAC, HONOLULU (100-6313)

SUBJECT: CP, USA
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The Bureau has previously been advised that Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING was scheduled to speak in Hawaii.

The January 28, 1964, issue of the "Honolulu Advertiser," a daily newspaper of Honolulu, reported that Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING would speak at Honolulu on February 18 and 19, 1964, for the Honolulu Council of Churches and the University of Hawaii's Symposia Committee. The article stated that KING would speak at 7:30 p.m., February 18, at the

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Central Union Church and at noon to university students and faculty, followed by a reception hosted by the East-West Center Grantees Association. The article stated that KING would give a featured talk at the Kawaiahao Church's Annual Pre-Legislative "God and Country Service" at 8:15 a.m. on February 19, 1964.

A further article in the February 8, 1964, issue of the same paper set forth that two officers of two civil rights groups, the Black Muslims and the White Citizens' Council, were scheduled to speak at a student-sponsored program on the University of Hawaii campus. The four who have been invited and have accepted are Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, representing the Southern Christian Leadership Conference from Atlanta; MUHAMMED JOHN ALI, National Secretary of the Black Muslims, from Chicago; JAMES FARMER, National Director of the Congress of Racial Equality, from New York; W. J. SIMMONS, representing the White Citizens' Council, of Jackson, Mississippi.

According to the article, costs of their visits will be underwritten by the Associated Students of the University of Hawaii (ASUH), which is sponsoring a Civil Rights Week on the campus February 17-20.

Each of the four will speak at noon on different days. The public is invited. Each will answer questions from the floor. MUHAMMED JOHN ALI will speak Monday, February 17; FARMER on Tuesday, February 18; KING on Wednesday, February 19, and SIMMONS on Thursday, February 20.

MIKE CUTLER, an ASUH Civil Rights Week Committee member, said the purpose of the week is to further the knowledge of the people of Hawaii to the sweeping national revolution in civil rights.

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The Attorney General

February 10, 1964

Director, FBI

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1 - Mr. Belmont
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My letter to you February 5, 1964, advised of guidance which was being given by Stanley Levison concerning Martin Luther King's forthcoming book. As of July, 1963, Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party, USA.

Additional information relative to this matter has been developed.

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This information has been furnished to the Honorable Walter W. Jenkins, Special Assistant to the President.

1 - The Deputy Attorney General

1 - Mr. J. Walter Yeagley
Assistant Attorney General

1 - Mr. Burke Marshall
Assistant Attorney General

NOTE:

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Classified "Secret" because unauthorized disclosure of this information could reveal the identities of our sources, [redacted] and [redacted], who are of continuing value, and this could result in grave damage to the Nation. Information taken from New York airtel and letterhead memorandum 2/5/64

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The Bureau and New York indices contain no reference to Hermine Popper. We have not as yet identified her other than as a person editing King's book.

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February 10, 1964

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1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Sullivan
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1 - Mr. Bland
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Honorable Walter W. Jenkins
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Jenkins:

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RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C, D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-116)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-151548)

SUBJECT: CP, USA
NEGRO QUESTION
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE
IN RACIAL MATTERS
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REASON FOR EXTENSION 2
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Enclosed herewith are 8 copies of a letterhead memorandum dated 2/7/64, and one copy is enclosed for Atlanta.

Sources used in the letterhead memorandum are as follows:

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(1-100-106670) (MARTIN LUTHER KING)
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(1-100-3-104-34) (CPUSA, COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM)
1-Atlanta (100-5586) (MARTIN LUTHER KING) (Encl. 1) (Info) (RM)
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1-New York (100-46729) (BAYARD RUSTIN) (414)
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1-New York (157-1036) (BOYCOTT OF NYC PUBLIC SCHOOLS, 2/3/64) (412)
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New York, New York
February 7, 1964

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REASON FOR EXTENSION 2
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Re: Communist Party,
United States of America -
Negro Question
Communist Influence in
Racial Matters
Internal Security - C

On February 5, 1964, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Clarence Jones was contacted by his wife, Ann, on that date. In response to a question by Ann concerning the reaction to the story about Bayard Rustin appearing in the newspaper, Clarence said the reaction was not good since people told him that they would not have permitted their children to boycott if they had known Rustin associated with Communists. Ann said that she thinks "Bayard handled the problem successfully, but his timing was wrong in associating with the Reds so soon after the boycott."

On February 5, 1964, the same source furnished information which indicated that Clarence Jones contacted Robert Anthony at the New School for Social Research on that date. Jones explained that King's speech will be "Why '63? and a Look into '64" which is based on a chapter from Martin Luther King's forthcoming book to be published this spring.

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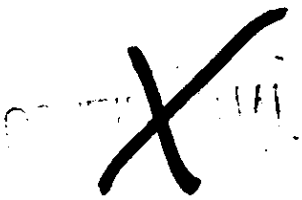
Jones said he wanted to put the New School for Social Research on notice that King's speech will be protected by a copyright. Anthony told Jones to tell King that there will be a question and answer period after King's speech and that "King should anticipate some tough questions on the story that appeared today in the 'Daily News' regarding Bayard Rustin." Anthony said people will want to know what King's connection with Rustin is. Jones said he would inform King. King is scheduled to speak at the New School for Social Research in New York City on February 6, 1964.

The "New York Daily News" of February 5, 1964, carried the headline "Boycott Chief Soviets' Guest; Rustin at UN Mission Party." On page 3, there appears an article by John Baird and Henry Lee. In the article it was stated that Bayard Rustin, who was fresh from his labors of the day before in directing a citywide schools boycott, last night attended a private cocktail party given by Nikolai Federenko, Soviet United Nations, Ambassador, at the Soviet United Nations Mission, 136 East 67th Street. The press, which was barred from the reception, learned from Rustin outside that his presence derived from his activities in the Committee for Nonviolent Action (CNVA) and his preoccupation with artistic freedom within the Soviet Union.

According to the article, Rustin, who belonged to the Young Communist League between 1938 and 1941, but who has denied ever having been a Communist Party member, said he had been active two years ago in sending a CNVA team of walkers from San Francisco to Moscow to protest against Russian nuclear weapons. Rustin, according to the article, made it known that Soviets were invited by CNVA to dispatch a delegation here to explain their position on peace and

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disarmament. Rustin stated that ten days ago a Soviet "peace committee" arrived in the United States. The article indicated that the party at the Soviet United Nations Mission was given in honor of "the Red peace fighters."

A similar article appeared in the "New York Journal American of February 5, 1964, written by John Weisberger.

On February 6, 1964, the "New York Daily News" on page 4 contains an article written by Michael Mok captioned "Rustin: A Man With A Mission; Visits Reds To Convert Them, He Says." In the article, it was stated that Rustin, who organized Monday's school boycott, visited the "New York Daily News" yesterday because he had "serious doubts about this newspaper's ability to judge what is a good story and what isn't." According to the article, Rustin, who was also the organizing genius behind the March on Washington, "griped" about "The News" giving a page one headline on Wednesday to a cocktail party which Rustin attended at the Soviet United Nations Mission at 136 East 67th Street.

Rustin stated that the entire Negro leadership (of the boycott) is behind his right to do this, and he stated that the Negro people will pay no more attention to this than they do when Adlai Stevenson has lunch at the Soviet Mission or when the President has tea with Khrushchev.



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It was pointed out by the reporter to Rustin that his (Rustin's) record differs from that of the President and the Ambassador in that Rustin saw fit to belong to the Young Communist League between 1938 and 1941, although he has always denied being a member of the Communist Party.

Rustin said that he felt the Negro community "will not be alarmed because they know my long history of anti-totalitarianism, of my criticism of the Soviet destruction of the trade union movement, and my protests against anti-Semitism in Russia." Rustin also stated, "I am so far removed from any Communist ideology that I have no fear of talking to them - and for that reason feel obligated to change their minds."

During the interview, Rustin pointed up one of the philosophies of Gandhi that one should continue to consult with one's opponents, and he indicated that was the reason for his coming to "The News." He stated that he considered the newspaper his opponent because the paper had made such a big thing about a boycott leader going to the Soviet Mission. He indicated that he was disturbed because the newspaper had not given more publicity to some of his demands concerning the boycott. Rustin said that he wanted it known that he had conferred earlier on Tuesday with members of the Soviet delegation, not at a cocktail party, but in a group which included poet W.H. Auden and Eric Bentley, Columbia University drama teacher. He said the subject matter had been the lack of artistic freedom in the Soviet Union.

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It was also reported in the "New York Daily News" of February 6, 1964, that at Syracuse University, irritation had been expressed because the institution "was stood up" on February 4, 1964, by Bayard Rustin. According to the article, Rustin was said to have pleaded fatigue in canceling his participation in a university seminar on civil rights. He appeared instead at a cocktail party given by the Soviet Mission to the United Nations.

On February 5, 1964, a second confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Clarence Jones contacted Bayard Rustin on that date. Jones told Rustin that the date has been changed from Thursday to Friday between 12:00 and 5:00. Rustin said he would keep that time open. Jones said that he does not know in which hotel Martin Luther King will be staying, but he said he would let Rustin know.

With respect to the foregoing information, it is to be noted that Martin Luther King wants to see Bayard Rustin.

On February 5, 1964, a third confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information that Bayard Rustin had received a congratulatory telegram from Adam Clayton Powell, the New York Congressman, on the school boycott. Bayard stated he thought Powell would "jump on any bandwagon."

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Communist Influence in
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The Boycott of New York City Public Schools took place on February 3, 1964. It was a demonstration to protest the alleged racial imbalance in the New York City Public Schools.

The March on Washington, which took place in Washington, D.C., on August 28, 1963, was a civil rights demonstration.

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Clarence Jones is the General Counsel for the Gandhi Society For Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York City.

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The LYL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Re: Communist Party, United States
of America - Negro Question
Communist Influence In Racial Matters
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The "New York Herald Tribune" issue of August 14, 1963, page 7, column 1, contains an article captioned "Thurmond Assails A Leader of March". The article stated that, in answer to charges by Senator Strom Thurmond, Bayard Rustin admitted joining the Young Communist League (YCL) in 1936. Rustin also reportedly stated that he broke completely with the YCL in June, 1941.

The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker", issue of February 25, 1957, page 1, column 1, contained an article which stated that Bayard Rustin, Executive Secretary, War Resisters League, was one of eight non-communist observers at the Communist Party National Convention in 1957.

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: February 7, 1964

FROM : C. A. Evans

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, NEGRO QUESTION
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Assistant Attorney General Burke Marshall was contacted last evening on his return from the Hill and again informed that the decision as to whether he is to see Martin Luther King again to warn him about communist efforts is one for Marshall to make. It was further pointed out that any detailing of specifics as to meetings might well endanger our confidential sources, but if he felt he had to name one definite meeting he could refer to the one at the airport in New York. Marshall said he recalled this one generally and asked about the specifics. He was told that this was contained in a memorandum sent to the Attorney General, with a copy for him, dated November 26, 1963.

Marshall said that he still hadn't made up his mind as to whether or not to see King. He noted he had warned him before, which admonition King had obviously ignored, so Marshall didn't know if any further warning would be effective. He said if he decided to see King he would, of course, advise us as to the results of the meeting.

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1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Sullivan
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1 - Mr. Bland

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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-116)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-151548)

SUBJECT: CP, USA
NEGRO QUESTION
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS
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(OO: New York)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
New York, New York
February 5, 1964

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Communist Party of United States of America
Negro Question Communist Influence in
Racial Matters
Internal Security - C

On February 1, 1964, a confidential source, who furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Martin Luther King was in contact with Clarence Jones, on that date. Jones mentioned that he has some cash which he has been holding for King, and he said the purpose of the money is to pay Hermine (Popper) for the editing of King's forthcoming book. Jones told King he would give him the money when they meet on the evening of February 6, 1964. Jones and King discussed the last chapter of King's book, and they indicated that this chapter deals with equating Negro preferential treatment (in employment) with poor white people of the South and the poor all over. King stated that he thought the whole book would have to be changed if they included this, but Jones stated that he and "his friend" (Stanley Levison) have discussed this thoroughly and they felt the book would not have to be changed. Jones mentioned that he was seeking "an intellectual bridge (to be) made between compensatory treatment and treatment which seeks to take into consideration those who have suffered from the effect of slavery and racial discrimination." King stated that he thought it was excellent, but he said that he did not see how he could say through the entire book that Negroes should have preferential treatment and then in the last chapter say this treatment should be extended to all underpriviledged and not just the Negro. King stated this could be an excuse for asking for preferential treatment for Negroes, but that they also know that there are others, other than Negroes, who are also in the same condition or worse than Negroes, and that they are interested in all underpriviledged people. Jones mentioned that he believes if they can get their point across effectively enough their idea might even be "picked up by the Administration". Jones stated it would be an

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historic contribution if the Negro could come up with a program which not only explains and takes into account the deprivations which the Negro has suffered but also takes into account the new objective situation of the fact that thousands of both whites and Negroes are now unemployed and that something must be done because poor white people also suffered from slavery. Jones advised that their main purpose was to link preferential treatment with the struggle against poverty.

King mentioned the treatment of (President) Johnson in the book, and Jones stated "his friend", (Stanley Levison) said Hermine (Popper) felt that King should give his personal views of Johnson. Jones stated that this is particularly appropriate since the book will come out on the "threshold of the election."

Jones told King that he had talked to Ruth Bailey (who is an employee of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) in the New York Office), about her status in the New York Office of the SCLC, and he said that he informed her that some changes were going to be made. He stated he told her that she would be requested to continue working but not as head of the office. Jones mentioned that she had not been paid for sometime, and King said he was not aware of this and wanted her to be paid. Jones mentioned that she took it upon herself to raise her own salary from $75.00 to $100.00 per week when Jack (O'Dell) left. Jones stated he felt they should not be required to pay this, but King said that he had agreed to pay $100.00. Jones said they should compromise and pay her $100.00 for half the time and $75.00 for the remaining time. Jones said she should not receive as much as $75.00 in the new position she will be given after the reorganization. Jones praised the new person (Adele Cantor) whom they have hired to head the New York Office of the SCLC. Jones mentioned that he and "our friend" could

work out Bailey's future status with the SCLC. King stated that he would like to have this problem cleared up before he leaves on an extended trip starting on February 9, 1964.

King stated that he plans to go to Hawaii, for two weeks. He stated that while there he would speak to the Council of Churches at the University of Hawaii, and would speak to the State Legislature. He indicated that he would stay there for a few days on vacation. King said after he leaves Hawaii he would go to Los Angeles and San Francisco to attend fund raising rallies.

King wanted to know if Jones had talked to anyone or had given anymore thought to Bayard (Rustin), and Jones indicated that he had talked extensively with Cleve (Robinson, who is Secretary-Treasurer of District 65, of Retail, Wholesale, and Department Store Union, American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations)and also "our friend." Jones said that he told Bayard (Rustin) to keep the fifth and sixth open because Jones wanted him to speak to King. King said that Bayard called him last night and asked about the situation, and King stated that he told him that he would let Jones know and that he (Jones) would get in touch with him. King indicated that he did not know if it would be possible for him to meet with Bayard on February 6, 1964. King indicated that he would try to work it out so that he could see Bayard on February 7, 1964.

King mentioned that on February 6, 1964, he planned to go to a meeting of the Gandhi Society,(in New York City) and was making a speech at the New School for Social Research, and he also mentioned that he has to tape an interview with "Ladies of the Press." King said that he has to meet with Hermine (Popper) on February 7, 1964, and go over her editing. He stated that he plans to get a 12:00 noon plane back to Atlanta.

King asked if his speech at the New School for Social Research had gotten much publicity, and Jones replied that it had gotten a half page ad in "The New York Times". King discussed the possibility of discussing or using the "preferential treatment angle" for both whites and Negroes in this speech, and Jones told him he would have to be careful not to do anything to lose his copyright to the material in the book. Jones also advised him not to give copies of his speech to anyone. They agreed to use another chapter from the book for the speech.

King mentioned that Bayard had requested King to tape several messages to give to the news media to be presented during the boycott (of New York City Public Schools), and King stated that he felt he should not do this. Jones agreed with him. Jones stated he was afraid King would make enemies by doing this because King would get the credit and the very people who wanted him to make the tapes would criticize him for stealing the glory when they did all of the work. King stated he did not want "to pervert the weight which he has by constantly throwing it around."

Ann Jones (who is the wife of Clarence Jones), discussed with King his coming to New York on March 11, 1964, to speak to a meeting of the Committee for Democratic Voters. She stated she was aware that King was attempting to be a non-partisan. She said that theywere inviting Republicans as well as Democrats, but she said the affair was being sponsored by the Democrats. King stated he did not wish to appear to favor either side, and he said he thought he had made a previous commitment. Ann stated they might be able to set a different date, and King said he would think about it and let her know.

The same source furnished information which indicated that Stanley Levison contacted Clarence Jones on February 2, 1964. Levison mentioned that he was having some difficulty locating the manuscript of the final chapter of Martin Luther King's new book. Jones said that King

wanted it in order to use it in his speech at the New School for Social Research on February 6 1964. Levison said that King should save this for a worthwhile audience and that he does not think that the New School for Social Research is worthwhile for King. Jones agreed with this. Jones and Levison talked about the proposed boycott of New York City Public Schools on February 3, 1964. Levison said that James Donovan, who is the President of the Board of Education, is a "hoodlum who inspires violence." Levison felt that there would be violence at the schools being boycotted; Jones agreed with Levison.

The same source furnished information which indicated that Clarence Jones contacted Harry Wachtel on February 2, 1964. Wachtel inquired why Jones does not call him more often, and Jones assured him that it was not because of the money owed Wachtel. Wachtel said that on May 9, 1964, he is giving a speech at Washington, D.C., before the Harvard Business Club, and he said that he would like to use some of King's material from the book. Jones indicated that this would be all right. Wachtel said that he had gotten a manuscript of King's new book, and Jones said that was sent to him for his information. Wachtel advised that he had spoken to Jack Greenberg, of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Legal Defense Fund, and that Greenberg said King spoke to him briefly about the NAACP and the SCLC working closer together. Jones said that this is a good idea because there should be some representation given to King's views by NAACP.

Jones said that "they"must discuss the problem of Bayard Rustin's position in the SCLC as there is a desire on the part of Martin to have a close association with Bayard ."

Jones said that he feels that they must decide as to whether Rustin should become "an integral part of the SCLC or whether he should be permitted to go his own intellectual

ways." Jones also said it "would not be good to have Bayard's intellect chained to too much responsibility." Wachtel indicated he felt that Rustin was needed in the SCLC and that it would be a good idea to have Rustin as a leader of the "Northern Branch of the SCLC." Jones said that "we don't want to interfere with Bayard's flexibility." Wachtel indicated that he would try to see King on February 7, 1964.

A second confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 1, 1964, that on that date, Clarence Jones contacted Stanley Levison. They discussed the forthcoming book by Martin Luther King with Jones stating that some thought should be given to the changing of the placing of some information concerning the "white worker" in a chapter of the book. Jones also stated that "he" does not have a copy of the "additional material and would like Levison to "get it to him as soon as possible". Levison said he would send it out on Monday, February 3, 1964.

Jones indicated that he had sent all of the material on Adele to King and that King is upset because the mailing list is all fouled up. Levison said that he has been trying to get Jack O'Dell to help Adele "to get the loose ends straightened up"

It is noted that Adele Cantor has agreed to begin work at the New York Office of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), as of February 3, 1964, and that Levison has been attempting to get O'Dell to meet with Cantor since he formerly handled the operation of the New York Office.

Levison said that O'Dell told him that he was going to Atlanta soon and wondered if O'Dell was doing this to see "The Man" to plead Ruth's side of the case. Jones said that Bevel invited O'Dell to Atlanta, that O'Dell was going to Atlanta to attend a conference.

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It is noted that Ruth Bailey, an employee of the New York Office of the SCLC, has been running that office since O'Dell left the SCLC and that the Reverend James Bevel is a Field Secretary for the SCLC in Atlanta, Georgia.

O'Dell left New York City for Atlanta, Georgia, on the morning of February 1, 1964, via Delta Airlines.

A third confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on January 31, 1964, that, on that date, a representative of the publishers of the Martin Luther King book was in contact with Stanley Levison. They discussed having Levison review the edited portions of King's book which thus far is about six chapters or about 116 pages. The representative said there are still two chapters to be finished, that the publishers are going to make it a "hard cover" publication and give it a big send-off, and that the book will be out in early June. They agree it is turning into something timely and important. Levison said that he would be at the office of the publisher's representatives on February 3, 1964.

Hunter Pitts O'Dell, who is also known as Jack O' Dell, was formerly employed as Administrator for the SCLC Office in New York.

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[redacted] Stanley Levison, was a secret member of the CP, USA.

It is to be noted that it has been determined that when King and Jones refer to their mutual friend, they are referring to Stanley Levison.

The boycott of New York City Public Schools took place on February 3, 1964. Its purpose was to protest alleged racial imbalance in New York City public schools.

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The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

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Re: Communist Party, United States
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Clarence Jones is the General Counsel for the Gandhi Society For Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York City.

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Re: Communist Party, United States
of America - Negro Question
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Internal Security - C

Harry H. Wachtel is the Special Counsel for for the Gandhi Society For Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York City. He resides at 29 Split Rock Drive, Kings Point, Long Island, New York.

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1. APPENDIX

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild:

"National Lawyers Guild

"1. Cited as a Communist front. (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)

"2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally related September 17, 1950.)

"3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the * * * National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.' (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

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February 5, 1964

BY LIAISON

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. DeLoach
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1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Bland
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Honorable Walter W. Jenkins
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Jenkins:

A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that Stanley Levison, a secret member of the Communist Party, USA, in July, 1963, recently discussed with Hermine Popper, Martin Luther King's forthcoming book.

Popper, who is editing the book, mentioned several items which had appeared in a letter written by King while in a Birmingham, Alabama, jail and which, according to Popper, had not actually occurred at the time. Levison gave guidance to Popper in selecting the material to be included in the book and, in addition, discussed the theme of the book which has to do with making the Negro movement for economic progress tie in with President Lyndon B. Johnson's war on poverty.

Levison and Popper also discussed the scheduled appearance of Assistant Attorney General Burke Marshall of the Justice Department at the Urban League in Westchester County (New York). Popper stated she had heard that because Mr. Marshall is a Democrat King is to take his place. Popper commented that she did not want King to be used as a political pawn. Levison advised her to tell King about this matter.

This information is being furnished to other interested officials of the Government.

Sincerely yours,

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1 - 100-106670 (Martin Luther King)

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Honorable Walter W. Jenkins

NOTE:

This information is a further indication of Levison's solid involvement in King's activities and particularly his, Levison's, influence over King's forthcoming book. Correspondence is classified "Secret" because unauthorized disclosure of this information could reveal the identity of our source, [redacted] who is of continuing value, resulting in grave damage to the Nation. Information was extracted from New York airtel 1/30/64.

The Bureau and New York indices contain no reference to Hermine Popper. We have not as yet identified her other than as a person editing King's book.

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C, D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-116)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-151548)

SUBJECT: CPUSA
NEGRO QUESTION
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are seven copies of a letterhead memorandum dated 2/5/64, and one copy is enclosed for Atlanta.

Sources used in the letterhead memorandum are as follows:

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This letterhead memorandum has been classified "SECRET" because it contains information from [redacted], b(2) [redacted] and [redacted] These sources have furnished b7(D) highly sensitive information with respect to the racial situation in the New York area and the Communist infiltration thereof, and it is felt that this classification is necessary in order not jeopardize the valuable position of the informants in furnishing information of this nature.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

New York, New York
February 5, 1964

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Bureau 100-3-116

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REASON FOR EXTENSION FCIM, II, 1-D-2
DATE OF REVIEW FOR DECLASSIFICATION 2-5-84

Re: Communist Party United States of America, Negro Question, Communist Influence in Racial Matters Internal Security - C

On February 4, 1964, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Clarence Jones on February 4, 1964, stated that in four months the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) will take over half of the Gandhi Society office space, 15 East 40th Street, New York City.

A second confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 4, 1964, that, on that date, Stanley Levison was in contact with Ruth Bailey at the New York Office of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). He advised Bailey that he would be at the SCLC office that day to show the new girl about the mailing lists.

It is noted that a person by the name of Adele Cantor has been engaged to take over the operation of the New York SCLC office.

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Ruth Bailey is an employee of the New York Office of the SCLC at 312 West 125th Street, New York City.

On February 4, 1964, a third confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Clarence Jones contacted Stanley Levison on that date. Levison mentioned that he had been at the SCLC office on that date and had found the place in "bad shape". Jones told Levison that "the matter has been changed to Friday", and Jones indicated that he has been attempting to contact Bayard (Rustin).

With respect to the foregoing information, it is to be noted that Martin Luther King wants to see Bayard Rustin on Friday, February 7, 1964, in New York City.

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Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party, United States of America.

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Clarence Jones is the General Counsel for the Gandhi Society For Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York City.

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Mr. W. C. Sullivan

February 4, 1964

Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

1-Mr. Belmont
1-Mr. Sullivan
1-Mr. Mohr
1-Mr. DeLoach
1-Mr. Evans
1-Mr. Baumgardner
1-Mr. Bland

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On the morning of 2-4-64 Special Agent [redacted] Security Supervisor of the Atlanta Office, called and furnished the following information:

On 2-4-64 Reese Cleghorn, a free-lance writer and reporter for the "Atlanta Journal," contacted the Atlanta Office. He stated he had previously written an article appearing in the 6-3-63 issue of the "Saturday Evening Post" regarding Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Southern Christian Leadership Concerence (SCLC). He further advised that even though he was aware of Hunter Pitts O'Dell's connection with King and the SCLC, he did not use this information in the June, 1963, article appearing in the "Saturday Evening Post." He related he was the newspaper reporter who by means of a pretext telephone call had established that Hunter Pitts O'Dell was in fact an employee of the New York Office of the SCLC several days following the public announcement made by Martin Luther King to the effect O'Dell was not on their payroll.

Mr. Cleghorn stated he has done considerable research into Martin Luther King, his associates and organization over the past three or four years and he has been recently authorized by the "Saturday Evening Post" to do another article on Martin Luther King, Jr., and that he is in the process of collecting facts for this article. He advised that the "Saturday Evening Post" will pass final approval on the article in approximately two weeks and whether it is approved or not will depend solely on what information he has been able to assemble.

During the course of this contact had with Cleghorn, he displayed a copy of what appeared to be a blind memorandum, which contained a two-paragraph memorandum quoted as follows:

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"He is Assistant Director of the Southern Leadership Conference and recently Levison has acted as close adviser to King. Levison wrote the speech which King delivered to the AFL-CIO National Convention held in Florida during December, 1961. Levison is using King in order to gain access to the White House."

In regard to the above, Cleghorn stated that he had found only one instance where the Southern Leadership Conference name had ever been used and that was in connection with a New York City fund-raising campaign, which funds were for Martin Luther King and the Southern Leadership Conference. He suggested that the word "Christian" was omitted so that it would not offend Jewish people who desired to participate in this campaign. Cleghorn stated that as near as he could tell, he received this information on or about 1-25-63.

Cleghorn stated that in order to collect the necessary data for the proposed article for the "Saturday Evening Post," he anticipated leaving Atlanta on Wednesday, 2-5-64, and plans to stop at the Department of Justice, as well as the FBI, in Washington, D. C., in an effort to obtain certain desired information. He advised, based on what information he has and which is usable, his article this time would necessarily be one showing efforts of the Communist Party, and citing the Hunter Pitt O'Dell case as an example, to infiltrate the SCLC and the fact that they were unsuccessful in so doing.

Cleghorn indicated he would also go to New York City in an effort to develop additional information desired for this article.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) In view of the fact that this newspaperman plans to call at the Department of Justice on 2-5-64, it is suggested that Assistant Director Evans alert the Attorney General's Office to the fact that he plans to come and the purpose of his visit.

(2) Inasmuch as Cleghorn also indicated he might call at the Bureau, it is suggested that this memorandum be referred to Mr. DeLoach in order that he will be prepared for the visit by Cleghor

(3) We will not be able to furnish Cleghorn any information our files concerning King.

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FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: February 5, 1964

FROM : C. A. Evans

DECLASSIFIED BY SP4 JMM/lk
ON 11-17-80

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Tele. Room
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SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, NEGRO QUESTION
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Assistant Attorney General Burke Marshall of the Civil Rights Division telephoned. He said he had two matters he wanted to discuss.

The first of these concerns a scheduled visit to the Department of Justice this week of Reese Cleghorn, a free-lance writer who has written one article on Martin Luther King for the "Saturday Evening Post" and who has been authorized by this magazine to write another article, also on King. Marshall was aware of the fact that Cleghorn allegedly has information concerning King's association with Stanley David Levison, a secret member of the Communist Party. Marshall indicated that he did not intend to furnish Cleghorn with any information about Martin Luther King's alleged communist connections but that if he developed anything at all with regard to Cleghorn's source of information, he would pass this along to us for our information. (According to information developed by our Atlanta Office on February 4, 1964, Cleghorn had in his possession what appeared to be a blind memorandum containing information as to Levison's Communist Party connections.)

The second matter which Marshall discussed related to Marshall's previous warning to King to avoid any connection with the communist element and particularly the need to avoid any relationship with Levison. Marshall said King has obviously ignored this admonition. He is currently considering whether he should warn King again because of the reports furnished to him by the Bureau showing a continued relationship between King and Levison. In considering this matter, Marshall observed that he had told King once, and if King were going to go ahead and make a fool of himself Marshall didn't know that the Department of Justice should try and prevent it. On the other side, he pointed out that King is obviously headed for trouble and this could seriously affect the Negro movement directed at securing legitimate civil rights.

1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Bland

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont

Marshall recognized that the decision as to whether to talk to King again is rightfully one for him to make personally. He asked for advice, however, as to whether, if he decided to go ahead and talk to King, this would endanger our operations in any way, he having noted that much of the information in our reports originated with highly confidential sources. Marshall was informed that we would certainly consider his request and be in touch with him.

In the absence of Assistant Director Sullivan, this matter was discussed with Inspector Sizoo. It was noted that there is a limited amount of information concerning King's association with Levison which did not originate from technical sources. For example, King met under clandestine circumstances with Levison at the airport in New York. This could have been observed by any number of people. On the other hand, much of our information as to the relationship between King and Levison originates from technical sources. This has been disseminated to the Department [redacted]

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ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

Marshall should be told that a decision as to whether he is to see Martin Luther King again is one for him to make. It should be pointed out to him, however, that any detailing of specifics as to meetings might well endanger our confidential sources. However, if Marshall feels he has to name one definite meeting, he can refer to the one at the airport at New York.

If approved, Marshall will be informed in line with the above.

I concur. We must be most circumspect re anything we say about King in view of the conversations the A.G. had with me yesterday & Hoover's conversation with the A.G. today. It is apparent the A.G. is trying to "pass the buck" to us as to leaks & such dealings that King has had with the Russians